PROJECT SCHEDULE



Start O&M of tunnel and bridge in April 2020



Construction continues
while maintaining traffic flow through 2024



New bridge operational and tolling begins and final northbound traffic switch in Spring 2024

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

Project Launch



Notice to Proceed issued on Dec 20, 2019



Construction
Starts including
installing vibration
monitors, test piles,
and pre–excavation
activities beginning
Mar 15, 2021



Southbound traffic switch due to tunnel decommissioning in summer 2023

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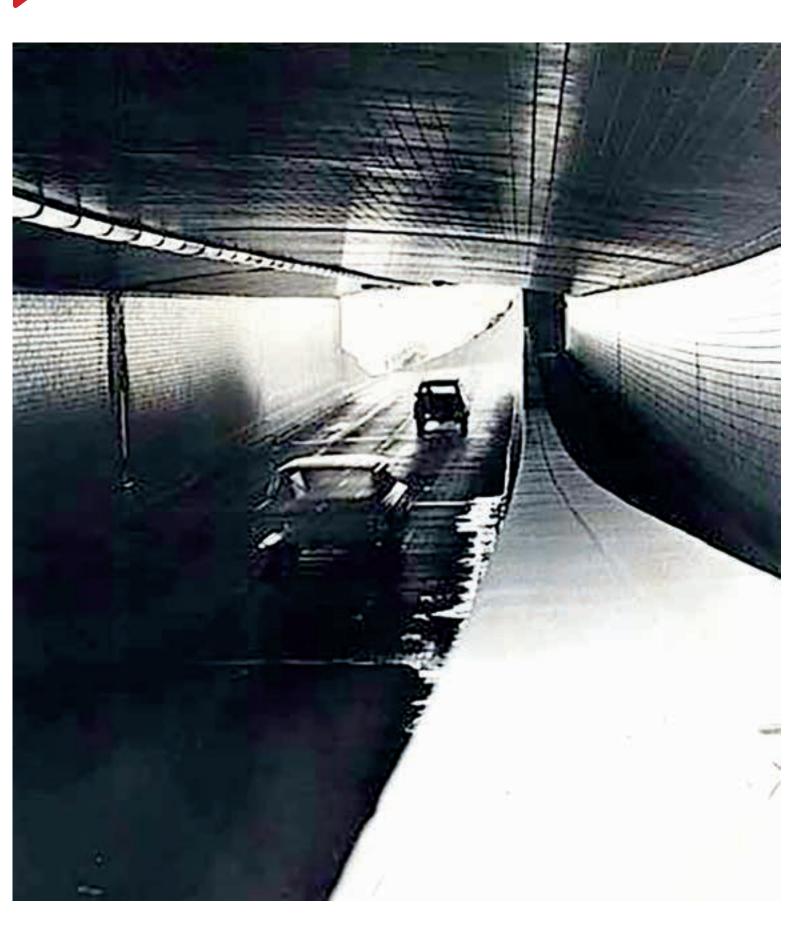






EXISTING BRIDGE AND TUNNEL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

TUNNEL



The Belle Chasse
Tunnel was open to
the public in 1956.

In 1962 newspapers reported tunnel leakage issues.

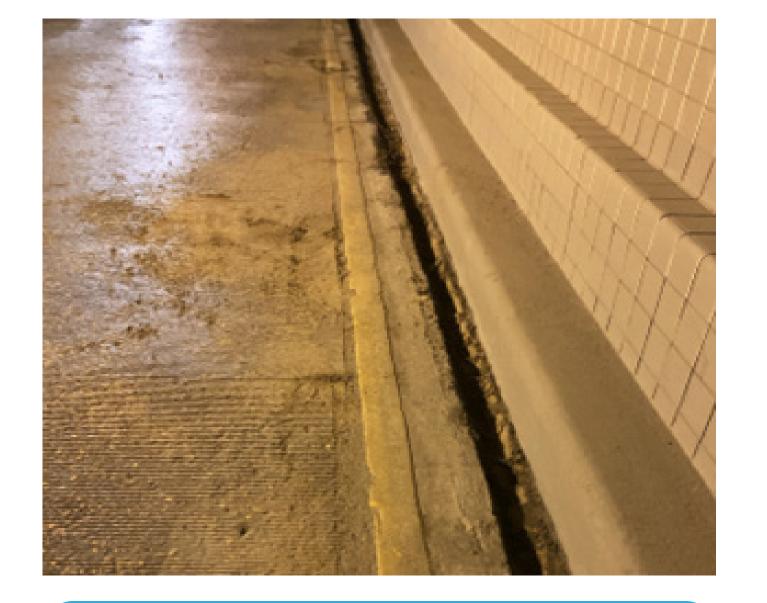
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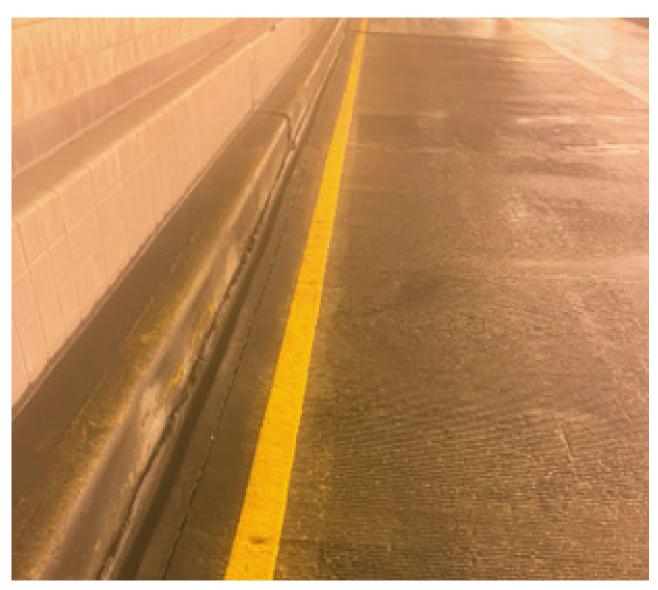


The Belle Chasse Bridge was open to the public in 1968.

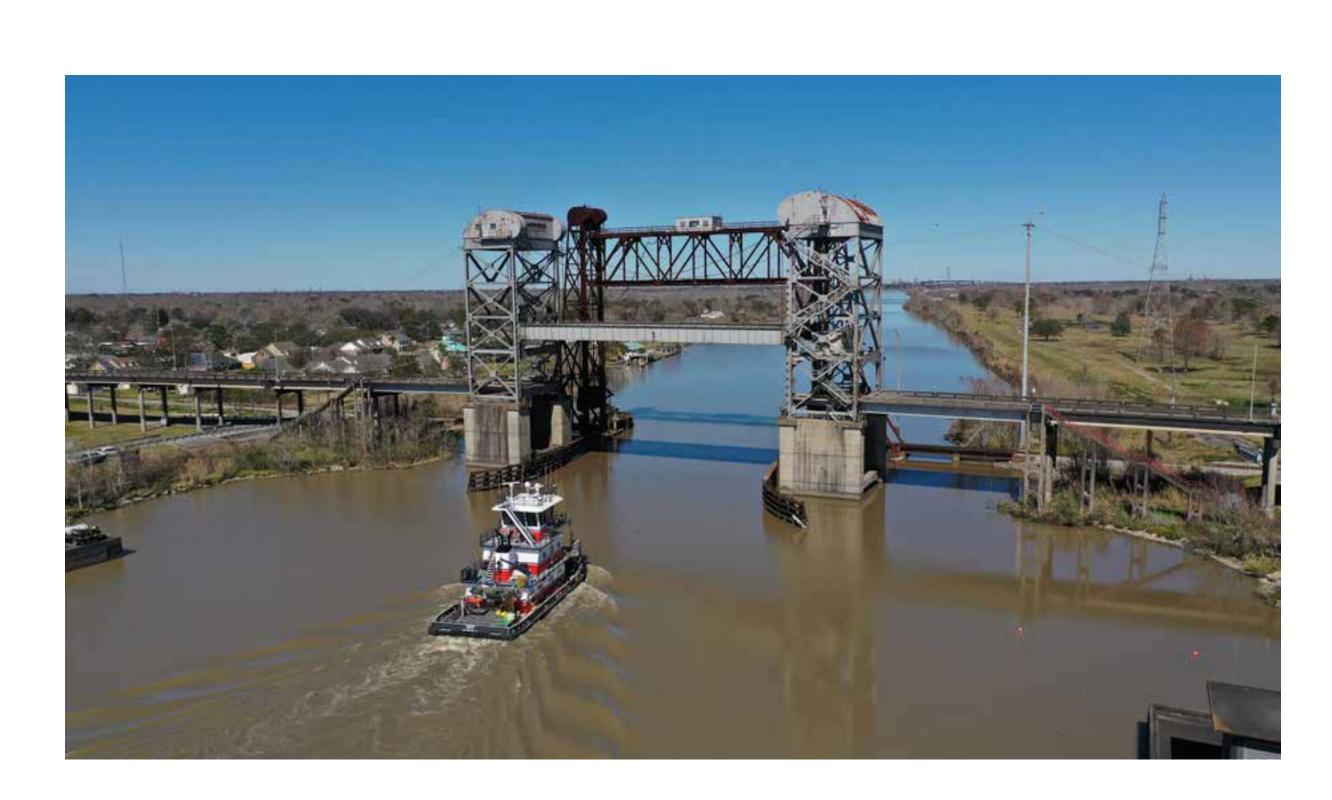
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BEFORE TUNNEL CLEANING



AFTER TUNNEL CLEANING



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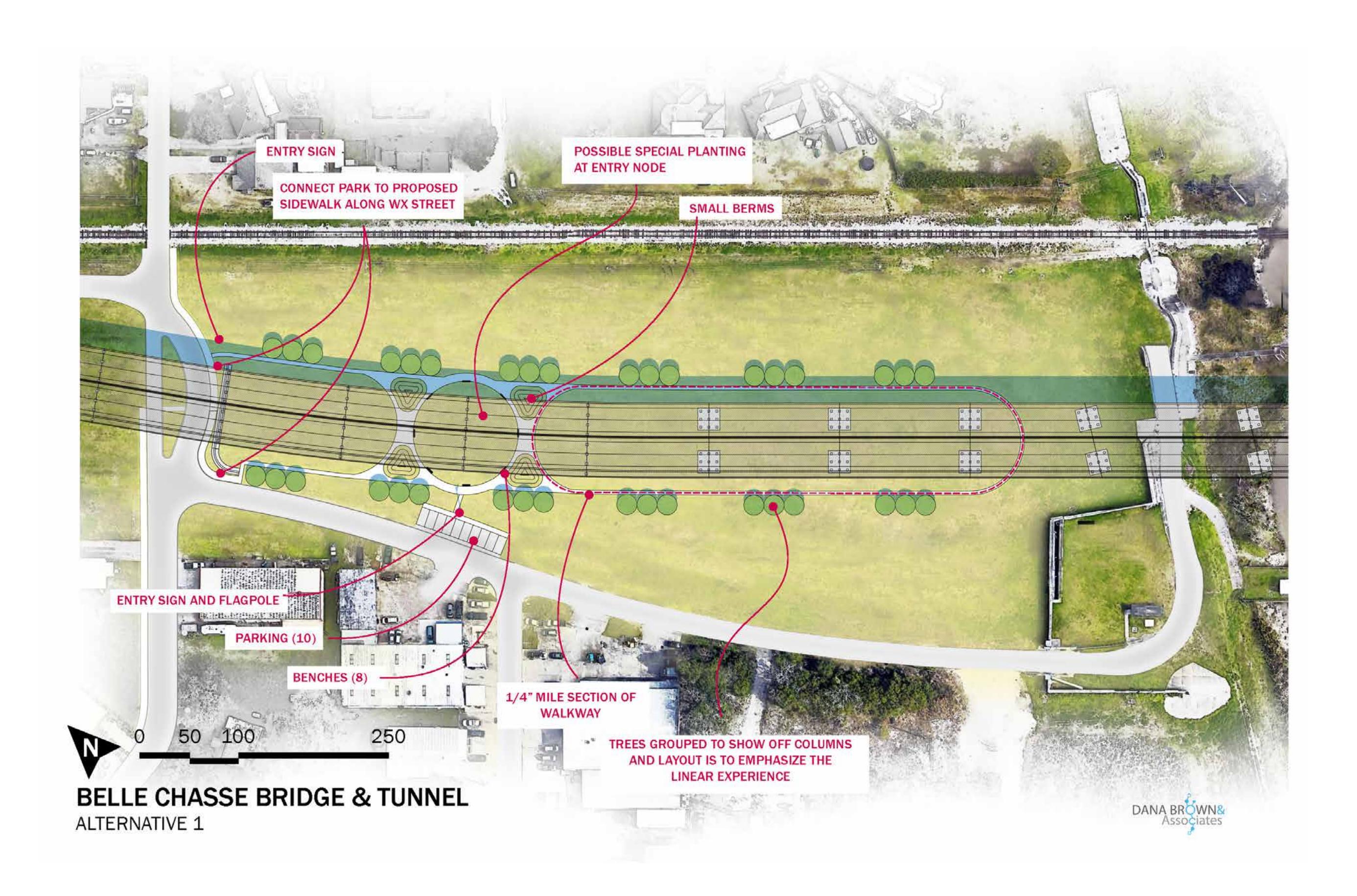






VETERANS PARK ENHANCEMENT









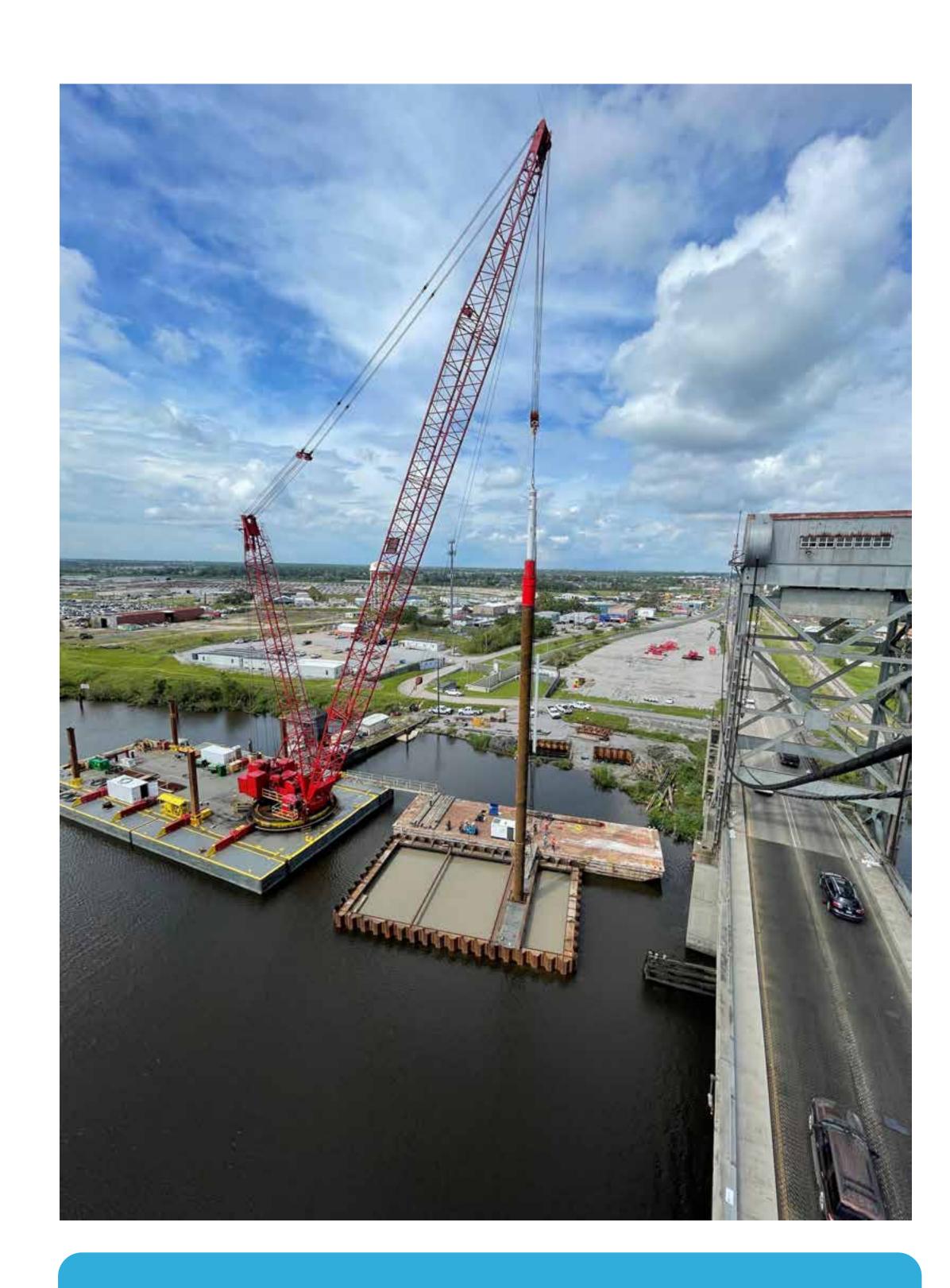




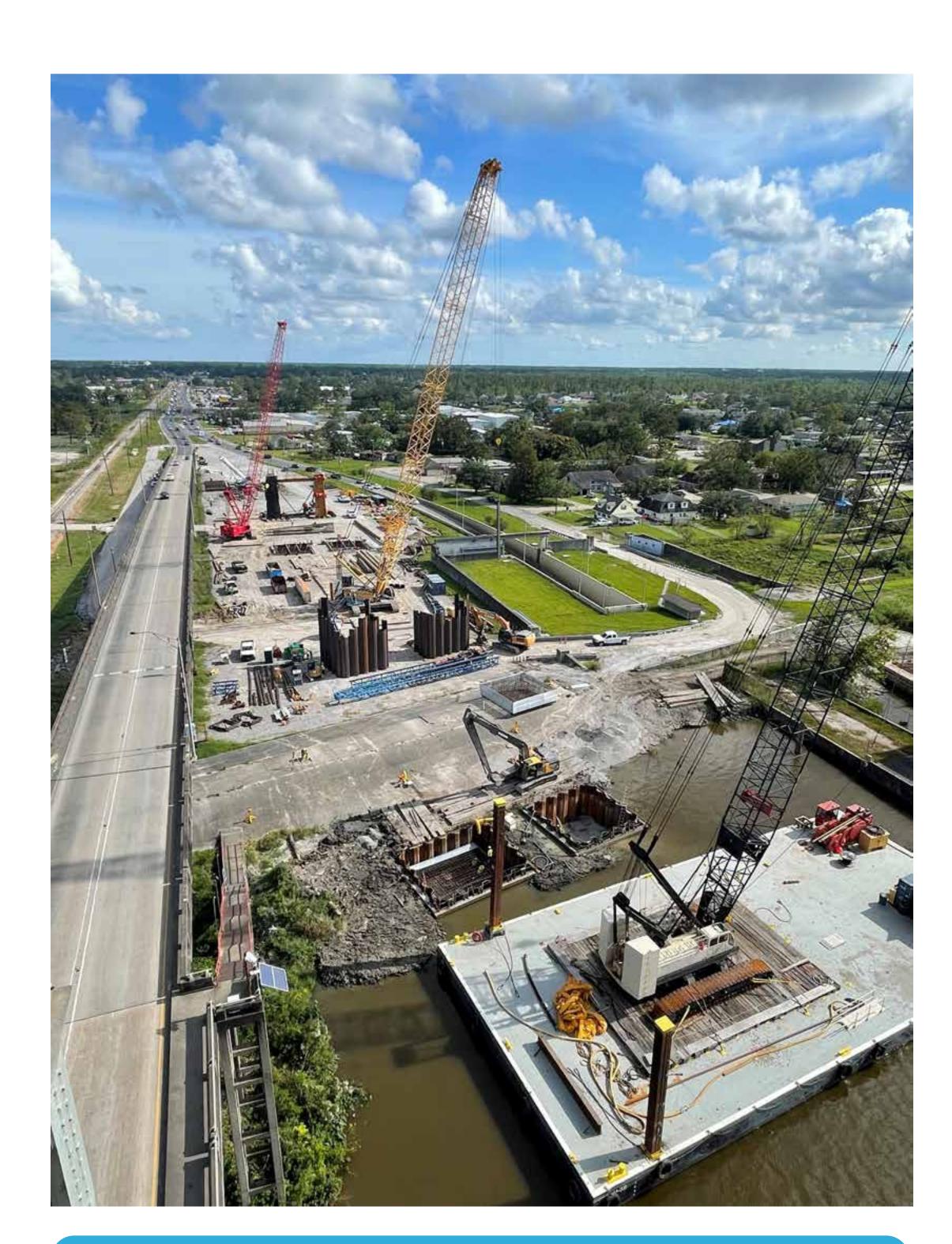




CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Driving First 48" Pipe Pile at Main Pier 1



South Side Progress with cofferdams, footings, and columns shown



Main Pier 1 Setting Battered Pile Template

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE



Notify key Parish, State, and local leaders of events impacting tunnel and bridge operation.



Coordinate with key Parish, State, and local leaders to manage traffic and share information with residents, industry, and other LA 23 users.



New! Launching social media channels to communicate emergency notifications to followers.



Signs that describe closures, evacuation measures, and other emergency response information.



Notify LA 23 users in advance of planned events and in a timely manner for unforeseen events.

KEY PARTNERS

Plaquemines Parish

LA DOTD (headquarters and District staff)

Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office

Plaquemines Parish Fire Department

LA Department of Environmental Quality

U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers









