



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH MAYORAL PLATFORM

- Regional Transportation Leadership
 - The East Baton Rouge Parish mayor must be a driving force for regional transportation improvements on the Capital Region Planning Commission, the Capital Area Road and Bridge District and with the Capital Region Legislative Delegation. It is only through this leadership that critical Capital Region projects like the new South Mississippi River Bridge, Highway 30 widening and La. 415 extension will be accomplished.
- Accelerate implementation of the I-10 widening
 - Widening I-10 from the Mississippi River Bridge to the I-10/I-12 split is critical for East Baton Rouge Parish and the Capital Region. The next mayor needs to work with La. DOTD and others to **close the current funding gap** on the project as well as insist the implementation of the project is **efficient**, with limited impact on the region's businesses and commuters. Without a sense for urgency for this project, it could last for a DECADE!
- Strong support for a new South Mississippi River Bridge
 - Collaboration with the parish presidents and members of the Capital Area Road and Bridge District and also the Capital Region Legislative Delegation will be critical to unite the Capital Region behind the exact **location** of the bridge. Securing **funding** for the \$1 billion project will also require strong advocacy and an innovative approach. While a new South Bridge has been pursued by regional leaders for decades, the location and funding for the bridge has never been secured.
- Realize MOVE BR
 - With a price tag of \$1 billion, MOVE BR is a signature infrastructure program for EBR. The next mayor will need to lead this program through a crucial period. **Transparency, communication** and **efficiency** are critical to the success of this program.