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With the passage of Act No. 389 of the 2025 Regular Session (HB 640), the Louisiana Legislature established the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction (OLHC) to advance a more efficient, transparent, and accountable approach to the delivery of transportation infrastructure projects across the state. The Act created the Office within the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, and codified its authority under La. R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, with a primary focus on accelerating the delivery of non-federal aid (NFA) highway and bridge projects while coordinating with federal-aid (fed-aid) programs across the state system.

The Legislature, through Act No. 389, articulated its intent to implement extraordinary measures to ensure that highway and bridge projects are planned, executed, and delivered in a manner that is expeditious, safe, and effective, demonstrating responsiveness to the needs of Louisiana citizens. The OLHC is tasked with overseeing all aspects of non-federal aid highway projects, including study, planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement within the state highway system.

The OLHC is empowered to coordinate across state agencies, enter into agreements with public and private entities, and leverage funding sources to advance priority infrastructure projects. The Act further authorizes the OLHC to utilize procurement authorities available under existing state law and, on a temporary basis, to implement emergency procurement procedures to accelerate project delivery.

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Louisiana,

Reflecting on the first several months of the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction, I am incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished and the partners we have collaborated with. Together, under Governor Jeff Landry’s leadership, we have delivered real results for Louisiana. This year’s accomplishments are rooted in a guiding principle we have embraced with the support of Governor Landry: moving Louisiana at the speed of life rather than the speed of government. This mindset keeps us focused on striking the right balance by delivering results quickly while ensuring they are reliable and resilient for the communities that rely on the infrastructure we are improving.

Passed during the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, Act No. 389 established our office with a mission to promote efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the construction and improvement of roads and bridges across our state. By working closely with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and a wide range of contractors, we are doing just that. Through this coordination, we have identified 67 projects to overhaul, replace, and repair state roads and bridges. We didn’t waste any time getting to work on these projects, with five non-federal aid bridges designed, construction contract executed and commenced in four months.

As we move through 2026 and look to the future, we remain committed to delivering timely results that are meant to last. This summary report provides a detailed overview of our project types, the resources, both personnel and financial, that support them, and examples of what can be accomplished through strong organization and collaboration.

The Office of Louisiana Highway Construction is committed to progress. We will continue to push to provide fast, reliable solutions that improve Louisiana’s connectivity and safety.

Sincerely,

Archie Chaisson III, Executive Director

Mission & Purpose

OLHC’s mission is to advance Louisiana’s highway and bridge construction program through disciplined project management, transparent procurement, and rigorous construction oversight. The Office serves as a central driver for delivering high-quality transportation assets that support economic growth, improve connectivity, and enhance public safety—particularly in rural and underserved communities.

Year 1 Highlights

-  Established governance structure
-  Identified and prioritized 62 bridges to repair or replace
-  Launched replacement of structurally deficient bridges statewide
-  Developing standardized designs and long-term maintenance framework for ~4,000 miles of roads and ~2,800 bridges
-  Began construction on 5 structurally deficient bridges
-  Implemented statewide coordination to streamline construction
-  Standardized controls to drive cost, schedule, and contractor performance

Investment & Impact

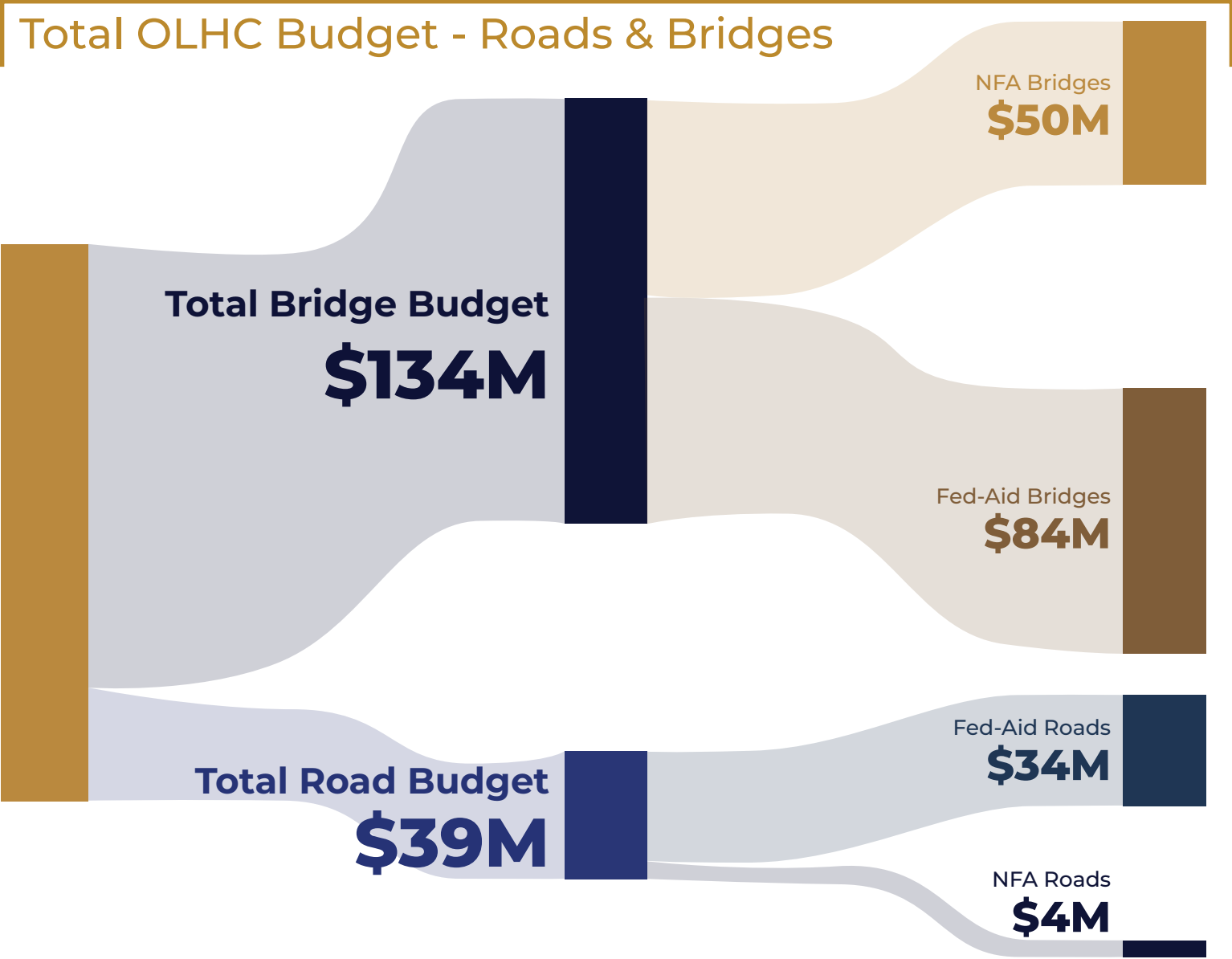
Through strategic use of state dollars, OLHC advanced projects that improve safety, reduce maintenance backlogs, and strengthen our rural roads and bridges. Early investments focused on bridges and highway segments with the greatest need and highest public benefit, reinforcing the Administration’s commitment to reinvesting in Louisiana’s infrastructure.

Accountability & Transparency

From its inception, OLHC emphasized transparency and stewardship of public funds. The Office introduced performance tracking, reporting standards, and clear lines of responsibility to ensure projects are delivered on time, within budget, and to established quality standards. These measures provide taxpayers and stakeholders with confidence in how infrastructure dollars are managed.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\$173M

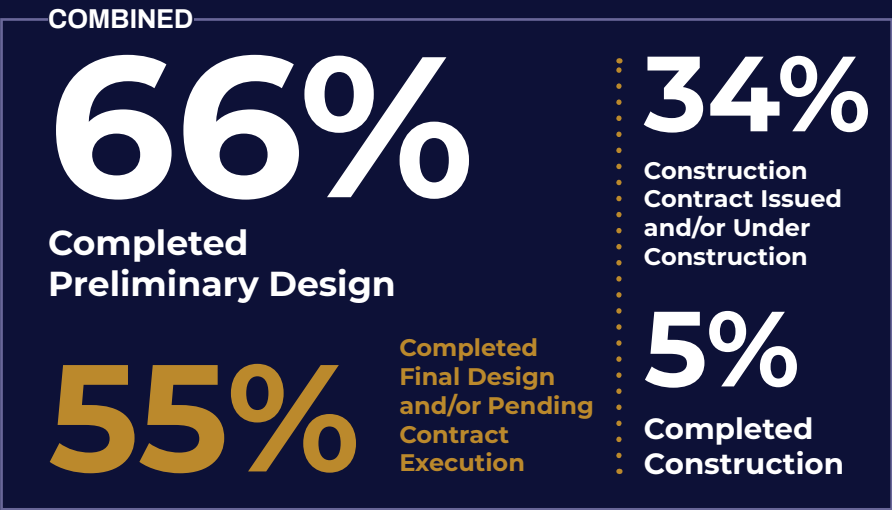
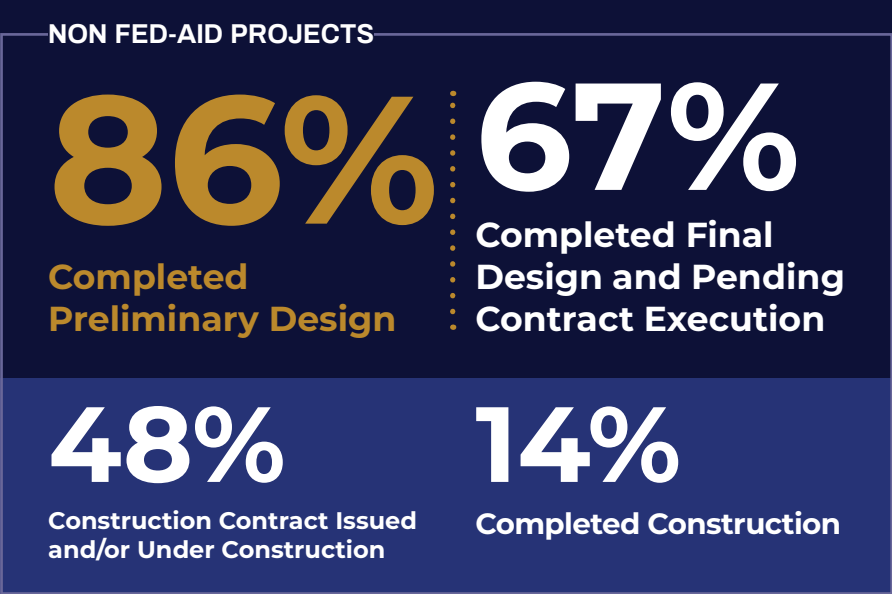
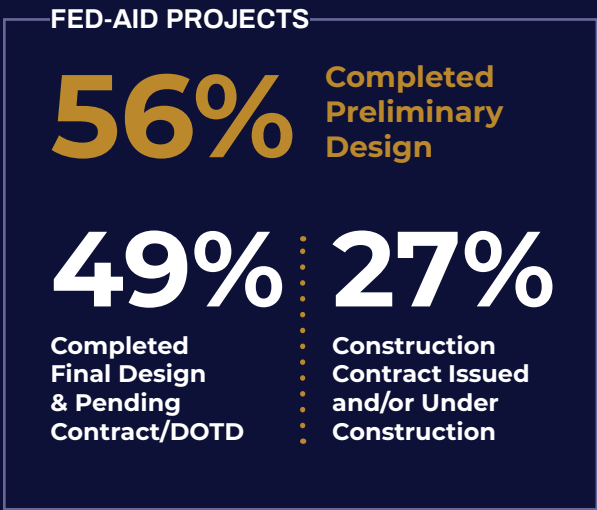


Since Program Commencement on Sept 16, 2025		
Contract Value Executed to Date	Professional Consulting/Design	Construction
\$103M	\$31M	\$72M
OLHC Project Expenditures to Date - \$34 Million		

BY THE NUMBERS

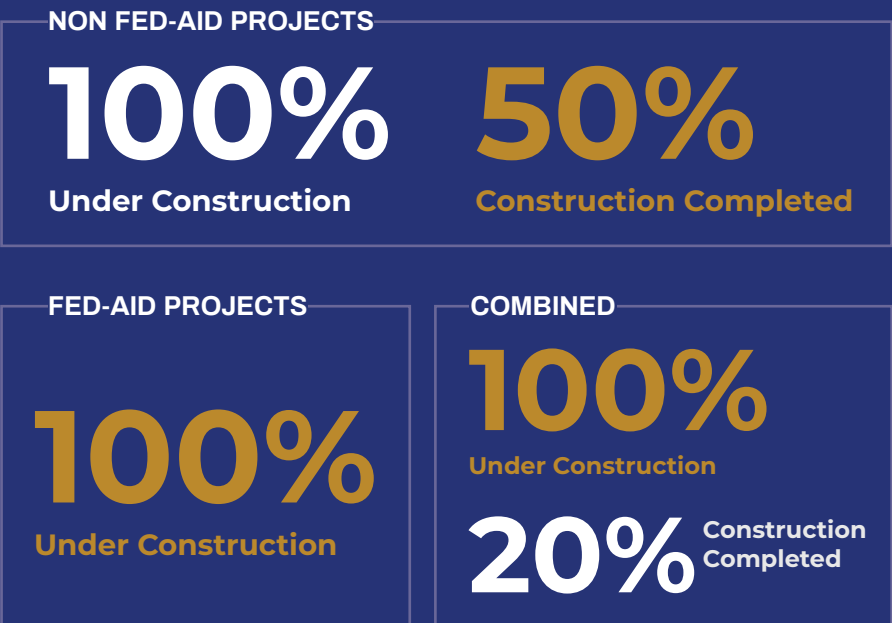
62
BRIDGE
PROJECTS

21 Non Fed-Aid 41 Fed-Aid



5
ROADWAY
PROJECTS

2 Non Fed-Aid 3 Fed-Aid





EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT UTILIZATION

Under Act No. 389, the OLHC was granted emergency procurement authority to accelerate the delivery of critical transportation infrastructure projects. This authority was designed to reduce administrative barriers and enable a more efficient, responsive approach to project delivery, particularly for high-priority bridge and roadway improvements across the state.

Through the use of emergency procurement, the Office has been able to significantly compress traditional timelines by reducing delays associated with standard procurement processes and enabling rapid contract execution. This flexibility allows for the immediate engagement of professional consultants and contractors, ensuring projects move from planning to construction more quickly. At the same time, the Office has maintained appropriate controls to ensure accountability and cost oversight, while improving its ability to respond to evolving project needs and implementation challenges.

5 Non-Fed-Aid Bridges **→** **4** months
Designed, Construction Contract Executed, & Commenced Construction in

Contract Teams

To date, OLHC has entered into agreements with 13 Professional Design Consultants and 19 General Contractors for execution of program activities, with 91% of those companies being Louisiana based companies and 100% having a strong Louisiana presence.

Professional Engineering Consultants

All South Consulting Engineers, LLC
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC
Crescent Engineering and Mapping, LLC
Forte & Tablada, Inc.
GIS Engineering, LLC
Huval and Associates, Inc.
La Terre Engineering, LLC
Lazenby & Associates, Inc.
Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc.
Richard C. Lambert Consultants, LLC
T. Baker Smith, LLC
Volkert, Inc.

General Contractors

Apeck Construction, LLC
Barber Brothers Contracting Company, LLC
Barriere Construction Company, LLC
BLD Services, LLC
Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC
Brown Industrial Construction
Coastal Contractors, LLC
D & J Construction Company, LLC
Diamond B Construction Company, LLC
Elliott Construction, LLC
Gilchrist Construction Company, LLC
Glenn Lege Construction, LLC
Gray Construction Corp.
Kiewit Louisiana Co.
Onshore Materials, LLC
Otwell Services, LLC
Prairie Contractors, LLC
Primoris (James Construction Group, LLC)
R.J. Daigle & Son Contractors, Inc.
RNGD Infrastructure, LLC
Sealevel Construction, Inc.
Siema Construction, LLC
SSD Contracting, LLC
WL Bass Construction, Inc.



Stakeholder Collaboration

Collaboration with key stakeholders has been essential to advancing OLHC’s mission and ensuring the successful delivery of transportation infrastructure projects. Throughout the reporting period, OLHC worked closely with:

These partnerships have strengthened project delivery by improving coordination, reducing administrative barriers, and fostering transparency. OLHC will continue to expand and deepen these relationships to support efficient and effective infrastructure development statewide



OLHC has worked closely with DOTD to align design standards, project review processes, and permitting requirements across both NFA and fed-aid projects. This coordination has helped ensure consistency while allowing projects to move forward without unnecessary delays.



Coordination with Louisiana 811 has focused on improving utility location services early in the project lifecycle. By strengthening communication and awareness, OLHC has reduced conflicts with underground infrastructure that often slow construction.

Utility Providers

OLHC has engaged utility providers upfront to review project scopes and coordinate relocations in advance of construction. This early alignment has helped avoid disruptions and keep projects on schedule once work begins.

Local Municipalities

Partnerships with local municipalities have supported better project scheduling, detour planning, and coordination with communities. This has ensured local priorities are considered while maintaining project momentum.

Regulatory Agencies

OLHC has maintained ongoing coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other regulatory agencies to streamline permitting and approvals. Early and consistent engagement has helped reduce delays and keep projects moving through the regulatory process.

Advancing Transportation for Louisiana

2026 POLICY OVERVIEW

The conclusion of the 2026 Legislative Session represents a pivotal moment for transportation and infrastructure advancement in Louisiana, with meaningful progress achieved through both policy and investment.

A key outcome of the 2026 session was the passage of Act 333 (HB 1072), authored and championed by State Representative Ryan Bourriaque. Building on the success of OLHC's first year of operation, the bill supports the continuation of the office's effective methods while also allowing for greater coordination between OLHC and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) during emergency situations. This legislation strengthens the authority and operational framework of OLHC, further aligning the state's project delivery capabilities with the growing demand for efficient, accountable, and timely infrastructure development. The measure reflects a strategic effort to enhance program oversight while accelerating the delivery of critical transportation improvements.

In addition to legislative action, significant financial support was secured to advance statewide priorities. A combined \$134 million was allocated through the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund and the State Highway Improvement Fund, providing essential resources to move forward key projects and expand connectivity across Louisiana's transportation network.

“The Office of Louisiana Highway Construction has had a strong first year since being established after the 2025 Legislative Session. This session was about building on that momentum and making sure the office can keep operating at a high level, delivering faster and more reliable results for communities across Louisiana.”
-State Representative Ryan Bourriaque

“This session reflects real progress in strengthening Louisiana's transportation framework. By improving oversight and supporting smarter project delivery, we're helping lay the groundwork for long-term infrastructure improvements across the state.”
-Senator Patrick Connick

The 2026 Regular Legislative Session marked meaningful progress for Louisiana's transportation system, reinforcing a shared commitment to safer roads, stronger infrastructure, and reliable coordination across the state.

OLHC continues making meaningful progress for Louisiana through the leadership and commitment of Governor Jeff Landry and members of the Louisiana Legislature. Their support underscores a shared focus on enhancing public safety, improving system reliability, and making infrastructure investments that contribute to long-term growth and mobility across the state.

TRANSPORTATION DAY 2026

During the 2026 Legislative Session, OLHC joined Louisiana DOTD, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, and the Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association to celebrate the first-ever Transportation Day at the Capitol.

This milestone event brought together legislators, state agencies, and private partners to celebrate Louisiana's progress and advance conversations around the future of transportation in the state.



OLHC Executive Director Archie Chaisson speaking at Transportation Day



“Transportation Day was a great chance to highlight the work happening across Louisiana to make transportation easier and more reliable for residents. It really shows the progress we're making together to strengthen infrastructure and support long-term growth across the state.”
-Archie Chaisson,
OLHC Executive Director

2026 OLHC Initiatives



Governor Jeff Landry speaking at the LA 1096 Road Rehabilitation Groundbreaking.

As OLHC moves beyond its initial program launch, the focus is shifting from rapid mobilization to long-term performance, cost discipline, and program sustainability. A central priority is maintaining the speed of delivery achieved in year one, including advocating for the continuation of emergency procurement authority to preserve the flexibility needed to advance projects without delay.

At the same time, OLHC is working to bring greater consistency and cost efficiency to project delivery. This includes the development and adoption of standardized plans for roads and bridges, leveraging existing DOTD standards where effective, and introducing new design approaches to reduce costs and accelerate construction. These efforts are paired with a stronger emphasis on performance tracking, including ongoing comparisons to DOTD cost benchmarks and time-to-delivery metrics to ensure the program is meeting its objectives.

Looking ahead, OLHC will continue to strengthen coordination across partners and agencies to support efficient delivery at scale. This includes deeper collaboration with DOTD to align program objectives and federal aid processes, as well as continued engagement with contractors, consultants, and suppliers to improve execution. In parallel, the Office is working to formalize updates to its legislative framework and cooperative agreements to reflect evolving program needs.

Finally, OLHC is building the foundation for long-term stewardship of the system, including the development of operations and maintenance policies for the approximately 4,000 miles of roads and 2,800 bridges under its responsibility. Together, these efforts position OLHC to sustain early momentum while delivering a more efficient, cost-effective, and durable infrastructure program over time.



Major Milestones

2 Bridges Completed

LA 923 Bridge ————— Catahoula Parish



Total Project Costs

\$2,860,268

Bridge Completion

4/20/2026

A blue silhouette map of the state of Louisiana. Catahoula Parish is highlighted in a darker blue color.

Completed in a record 111 days, the LA 923 bridge project serves as a key milestone, representing the first such completion for OLHC. Crossing Elm Slough in Catahoula Parish, the structure was designed by GIS Engineering, LLC and constructed by Gilchrist Construction Company, LLC.

LA 513 Bridge ————— DeSoto Parish



Project Cost Estimate

\$2,446,087

Bridge Completion

5/4/2026

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The LA 513 bridge project is nearing completion and crosses Brushy Bayou in DeSoto Parish. The bridge was designed by Forte & Tablada, Inc. and is being constructed by Brown Industrial Construction, LLC.

In its first year of operation, OLHC has demonstrated its ability to move at the speed of life rather than the traditional pace of government. By prioritizing agility, collaboration, and results-driven decision making, the organization has positioned itself to respond quickly to emerging needs while maintaining a strong focus on impact. This approach has not only established a solid foundation for long-term success but also enabled OLHC to begin delivering meaningful outcomes for the state in a relatively short period of time.

Building on this momentum, the following milestones highlight the key achievements from OLHC’s inaugural year. Together, they reflect the organization’s commitment to progress, its ability to execute effectively, and the tangible results delivered in support of its mission.

60 Bridges and 5 Roadways In Progress

Project Highlights

LA 1096 Road ————— Acadia Parish



Project Cost Estimate

\$2,483,687

Anticipated completion date

6/12/2026

A blue silhouette map of the state of Louisiana. Acadia Parish is highlighted in a darker blue color.

The LA 1096 road project is the first project and is currently 95% complete. Construction began in March 2026, and the project is progressing steadily toward completion.

LA 3181 Bridge ————— East Carroll Parish



Project Cost Estimate

\$2,592,024

Anticipated completion date

6/4/2026

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The LA 3181 bridge project is currently 95% complete and progressing steadily. Crossing a drainage canal in East Carroll Parish, the bridge is being designed by Lazenby & Associates, Inc. and constructed by WL Bass Construction, Inc.

Appendices

OLHC Project No.	Route	Crossing	DOTD District	Parish	Scope of Work	Project Status as of June 30, 2026
O.B.2025.05.024	LA 147	Brown Creek Tributary	5	Jackson	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.62.007	LA 36	Creek	62	St. Tammany	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.08.039	LA 487	Brushy Bayou	8	Natchitoches	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.027	LA 155	Poplar Branch Tributary	5	Jackson	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design Completed - Pending DOTD Review
O.B.2025.03.047	LA 82	Canal	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.08.044	LA 463	Boggy Branch	8	Vernon	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.07.045	LA 26	Creek	7	Allen	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Construction Ready - Pending Add'l Funding for Alt Detour
O.B.2025.07.045	LA 26	Creek	7	Allen	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Construction Ready - Pending Add'l Funding for Alt Detour
O.B.2025.07.045	LA 26	Creek	7	Allen	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Construction Ready - Pending Add'l Funding for Alt Detour
O.B.2025.07.046	LA 27	D'Inde Bayou	7	Calcasieu	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design - Construction Pending Hydraulic Resolution
O.B.2025.61.009	LA 76	Chaplin Bayou	61	W. BR	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction - Delays due to Local Detour Concerns
O.R.2025.05.003	I-20	LA 577 - Walnut Bayou	5	Madison	Pavement Preservation - Mill & Overlay	Under Construction
O.R.2025.58.004	US-165	State Route in Olla	58	LaSalle	Pavement Preservation - Mill & Overlay	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.026	LA 155	Keppler Creek Tributary #2	5	Jackson	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design Completed - Pending DOTD Review
O.B.2025.62.003	LA 1047	W. Natalbany Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.R.2025.02.005	LA-398	LA1 - LA 662	2	Assumption	Pavement Preservation - Mill & Overlay	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.025	LA 155	Keppler Creek Tributary #1	5	Jackson	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.04.018	LA 501	Drain	4	Bienville	Box Culvert Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.037	LA 134	Bayou Desiard	5	Ouachita	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	Long Ditch	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	Turf Bayou	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	West Relief	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	Marsh Ditch	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	Middle Canal	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	Miller Canal	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.03.048	LA 82	East Relief	3	Vermilion	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - On-Hold Pending Detour Decision
O.B.2025.05.029	US 80	Choudrant Creek Tributary	5	Lincoln	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.04.019	LA 501	Creek	4	Bienville	Bridge Removal & Box Culvert Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.02.013	LA 24	St. Louis Canal	2	Terrebonne	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - Potential Bridge Removal
O.B.2025.58.042	LA 124	Bear Branch	58	LaSalle	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.04.021	LA 9	Sprawls Mill Creek	4	Bienville	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.05.034	LA 580	Tensas Bayou	5	East Carroll	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.04.022	LA 3015	Bayou Castor Relief	4	DeSoto	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.02.012	LA 39	RR Canal	2	St. Bernard	Existing Culvert Replacement or Rehab	Preliminary Design - Pending Railroad Permit
O.B.2025.04.023	LA 146	Creek	4	Claiborne	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Ready for Construction - Pending Work Order Execution
O.B.2025.04.049	LA 9	Mill Creek	4	Bienville	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.04.020	LA 159	Caney Creek	4	Webster	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.02.010	LA 39	Drain Canal	2	St. Bernard	Existing Culvert Replacement or Rehab	Preliminary Design - Pending Scope Revision Per DOTD
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - Pending Right-of-Way
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Joiners Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - Pending Right-of-Way
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Peters Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Crittendon Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.62.006	LA 38	Beaver Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design

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O.B.2025.62.001	LA 1062	Drain	62	Tangipahoa	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.62.002	LA 424	Drain	62	Washington	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.58.038	LA 923	Elm Slough	58	Catahoula	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Construction Completed
O.B.2025.05.033	LA 3181	Drainage Canal	5	East Carroll	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.04.016	LA 513	Brushy Bayou	4	DeSoto	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Construction Completed
O.B.2025.62.005	LA 1055	Silver Creek Relief	62	Washington	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design Completed & Pending Contract Execution
O.B.2025.61.008	LA 995	False Branch	61	Iberville	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.028	LA 148	Cypress Bayou Tributary	5	Jackson	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.R.2025.03.001	LA 3015	LA 328 to Dead End	3	St. Martin	Roadway Reconstruction	Construction Completed
O.R.2025.03.002	LA 1096	Toby Mouton Rd to Soldier Rd	3	Acadia	Roadway Reconstruction	Under Construction
O.B.2025.05.035	LA 579	Cook’s Slough	5	East Carroll	Bridge Removal & Box Culvert Replacement	Final Design Completed & Pending Contract Execution
O.B.2025.08.040	LA 499	Ice Branch	8	Winn	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design Completed & Pending Contract Execution
O.B.2025.62.004	LA 1047	W. Natalbany Creek	62	St. Helena	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design - Pending Utility Relocation
O.B.2025.04.017	LA 3049	Dooley Bayou	4	Caddo	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Under Construction
O.B.2025.62.014	LA 444	Dunham Bayou	62	Livingston	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.62.011	LA 1036	Tickfaw River	62	Livingston	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.05.032	LA 550	Lick Creek Relief	5	Union	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.05.031	LA 550	Lick Creek	5	Union	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.62.015	LA 1071	Creek	62	Washington	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.05.030	LA 550	Lion Creek	5	Union	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Final Design
O.B.2025.05.036	LA 603	Roundaway Bayou	5	Madison	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.58.041	LA 506	Creek	58	Caldwell	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design
O.B.2025.08.043	LA 501	Medenhause Creek	8	Winn	Bridge Removal & Replacement	Preliminary Design

