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ETRT Transitions

Planning to Implementation

Projects and Advocacy

The ETRT has begun the transition from planning the Evangeline Corridor Initiative (ECI) to implementing the adopted plan. This would include prioritizing and advocating for the associated catalyst projects as well as soliciting funding from the LCG Council.



FY18-19 Projects

Funded Catalyst Projects

Simcoe Street Corridor Plan

In coordination with the Acadiana MPO, LCG will conduct a corridor study for both East and West Simcoe Streets from University Avenue to Pinhook Road. The corridor study will examine current conditions, recommend infrastructure improvements and provide preliminary design, and provide economic development analysis and solutions to revitalize the corridor. The corridor study is estimated to be \$550,000.

Wayfinding and Signage

The LCG Council appropriated \$10,000 to fund designs for wayfinding signage and kiosks around Heymann Park. The concept is to design a brand family and sign typology that can be produced and used throughout the ECI Plan corridor, as well as to highlight and better indicate Heymann Park's entrance from both Pinhook Road and Surrey Street. The design concept for the kiosks is to feature and discuss the cultural elements and history of Heymann Park.

Design and Engineering

An appropriation of \$67,000 was made by the LCG Council to fund design and engineering for infrastructure improvements along Simcoe Street. This funding is in conjunction with a Pink Zone grant which is to deliver recommended infrastructure improvements between Jefferson Blvd. and 12th Street, but can also be applied to any project emanating from the future Simcoe Street Corridor Plan.



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ECI Plan Activities

Catalyst Project Updates

Taft Street Corridor: Spot Improvements

Spot improvements have begun on Taft Street as a segment was re-stripped earlier this year to include a single bike lane. Further improvements were made with the recent addition of street trees.

Federal Courthouse Building and Site Redevelopment

The former Federal Courthouse site is slated for redevelopment as a Project Team has been selected from several applicants to bring residences and commercial space to the now vacant site. The Federal Courthouse project is in the final stages of development as a purchase agreement has been approved by the LCG Council.

ECI Plan Corridor Activities

Related Efforts

Heymann Park Improvements

LCG has retained an architecture firm to design and provide preliminary cost estimated for improvements within Heymann Park. The initial improvements are for a performance space / stage and booth structures to host special events or weekend retail activities.

Clifton Chenier Center Library Improvements

The library within the Clifton Chenier Center is being renovated to accommodate the increased traffic it is experiencing. Recently, a music library was added where musical instruments such as violins and accordions can be checked out with your library card.