Mid-Basin Sediment Diversion Program

2021 PROJECT UPDATES

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Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion

2021 PROJECT MILESTONES & UPDATES

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT & DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN RELEASE – MARCH 2021

60% PROJECT DESIGN UPDATE

FINAL EIS – EXPECTED SUMMER 2022

CPRA Outreach & Engagement

DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD & DISCUSSING DEIS/DRP

72
meetings & briefings

19	9	6
held in Plaquemines Parish	community open houses	virtual public meetings & webinars

Specific outreach to all stakeholder groups

FEEDBACK

- Coastal Louisianans overwhelmingly support coastal restoration
- Major proponents of the project from all coastal parishes
- Concerns for viability of fisheries, industries, and marine mammals; desire for more specificity in mitigation/minimization efforts and to further refine strategies

MID-BARATARIA MITIGATION PLAN

Initial measures included in DEIS & Draft Restoration Plan available for Public Comment & Review

Specific Measures/Final Proposed Mitigation Plan under development (between DEIS and Final EIS)

Final, Specific Mitigation Measures to be implemented Before, During, and After Project Operation

Community Outreach + Survey Tool

Held a series of outreach meetings focused on helping community understand impacts in DEIS and solicit feedback on mitigation measures. Survey tool deployed to collect more formal data and gave residents time to compile feedback.

258 RESPONDENTS

WHERE THEY LIVE:

Happy Jack (54), Myrtle Grove (51), Hermitage (40), Grand Bayou (21), Woodpark (19), Deer Range (17), Suzie Bayou (14), and other (10)

WHAT THEY FISH:

speckled trout (156), red drum (138), blue crab (110), brown shrimp (95), white shrimp (79), other (48), and oysters (39)

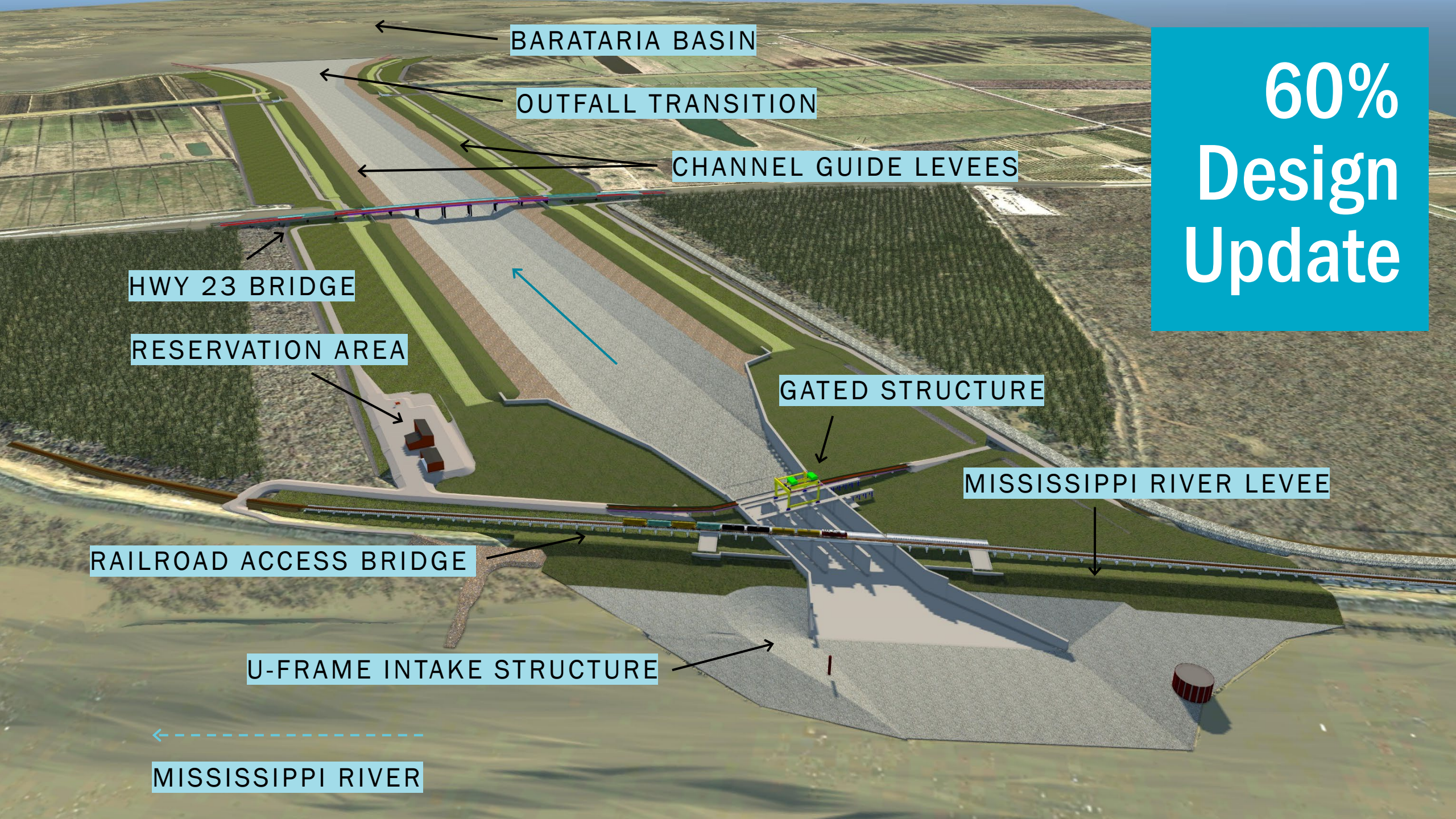
MOST COMMON MITIGATION PREFERENCES:

CPRA paying for Property Damages (communities) / **Improved fishing access** (fisheries)

57% respondents live on property that floods

42% respondents depend on fish from the Barataria Basin for food

12% respondents said that fishing in the basin is the main way they or their family makes money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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT
Draft EIS and Restoration Plan Release
MARCH 5, 2021
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Public Comment Period
(60 DAYS + 30 DAY EXTENSION)
Record of Decision
Review Period
(30 DAYS)

Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion

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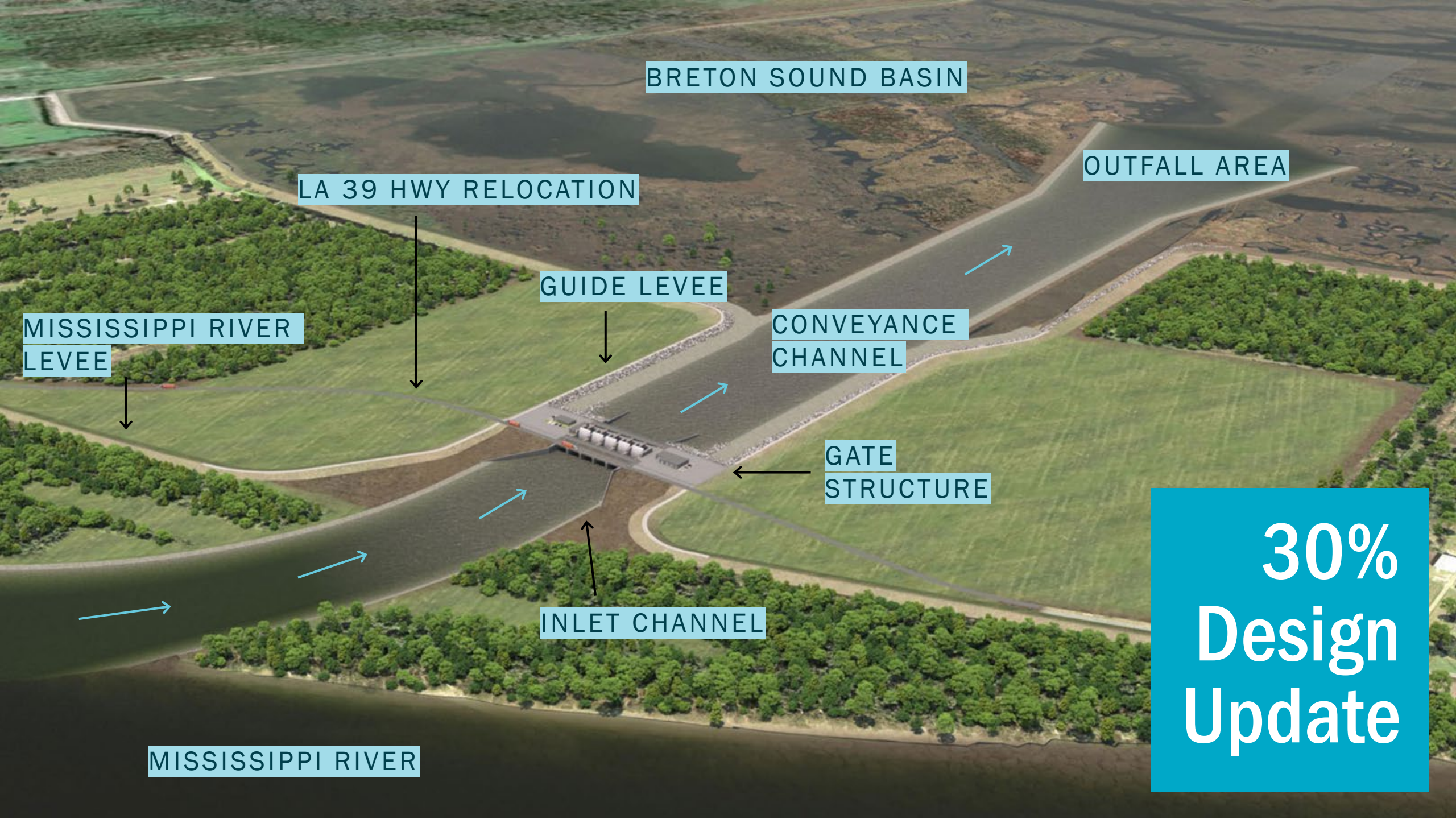
30% PROJECT DESIGN UPDATE

PROJECT CAPACITY

UPDATED PROJECT TIMELINE

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement – expected summer 2023
- Final Environmental Impact Statement – expected fall 2024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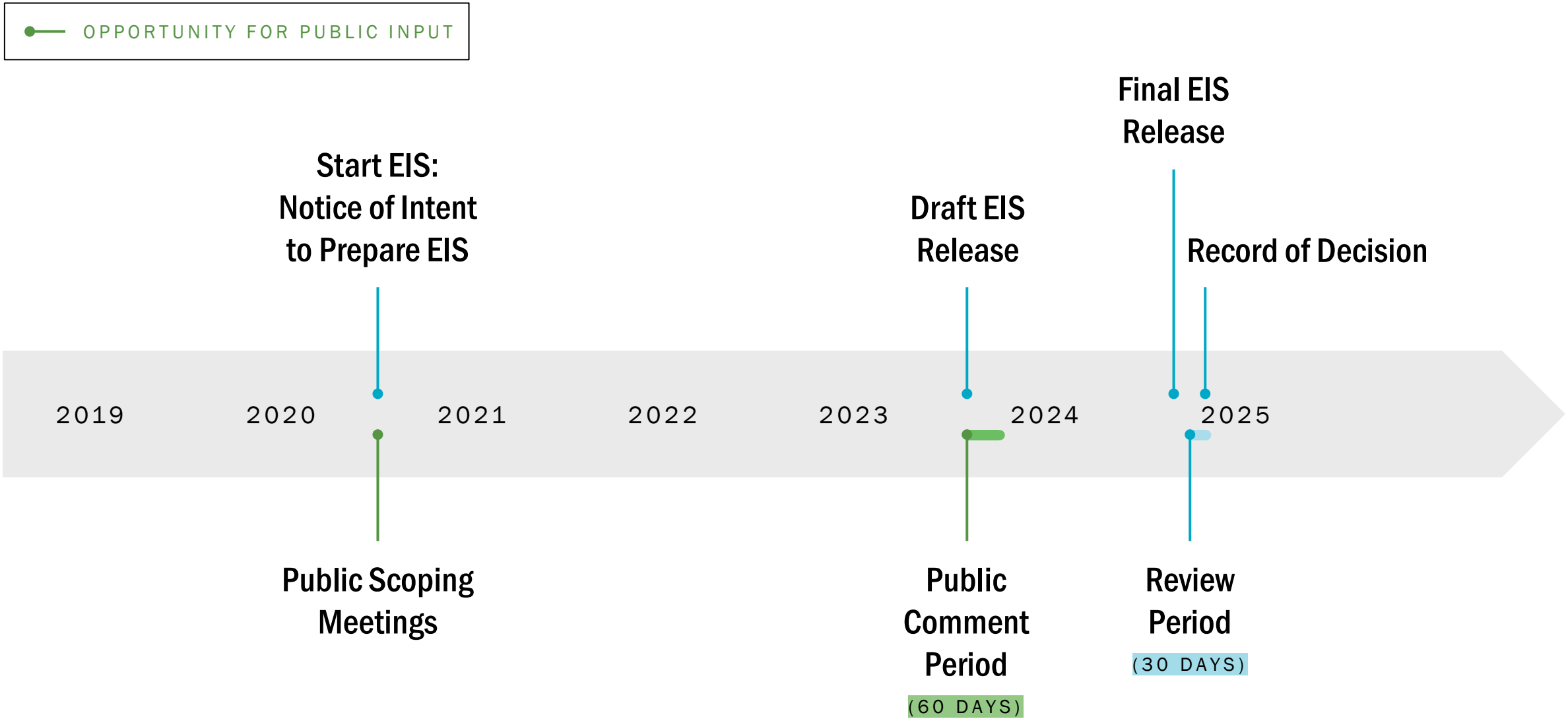
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Thank You

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