

State News for NSPE Members

DOTD Receives \$3 Million to Improve Louisiana Rail Infrastructure

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announced the first projects selected to receive a total of \$3 million in grant funding under the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program.

The New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB) received \$1.5 million to construct the NOPB Transloading Industrial Park in New Orleans East. WATCO's Louisiana Southern Railroad also received \$1.5 million for track, rail, and bridge upgrades between Hodge and Gibsland in North Louisiana. These improvements will increase fluidity and modernize the respective rail networks, support commerce and the supply chain, while also increasing resiliency needed to combat climate change issues, according to a [news release](#).

“The Department of Transportation is committed to improving all the infrastructure needs in the state, and this includes our rail lines,” said DOTD Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D. “Our freight and passenger rail infrastructure needs improving if we want to continue successfully moving goods throughout the state. These grants will do just that: improve upgrades on the tracks of our rail infrastructure, support transloading, and increase rail cars moving throughout our state and ports.” [Read more](#).

Year One of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Biden Administration recently updated [state and territory fact sheets](#) that highlight the nationwide impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest long-term investment infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. To date, over \$4 billion in funding has been announced and is headed to Louisiana with over 120 specific projects identified for funding. Access information about Louisiana projects [here](#).

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Mark your calendars to attend [NSPECon23](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2-4. NSPECon provides an opportunity to build your network of professional engineers and advance your career by learning new skills, expanding your expertise, and preparing for future developments in the industry. The conference presentation proposal [submissions site](#) is open (submission deadline: January 25). Stay tuned for more information on registration, session topics, sponsorship opportunities, and additional conference activities!

If you want to reminisce about the fun, comradery, engagement experienced during this year's NSPECon (Philadelphia) in preparation for NSPECon23, visit NSPE's conference photo albums on [Flickr](#).

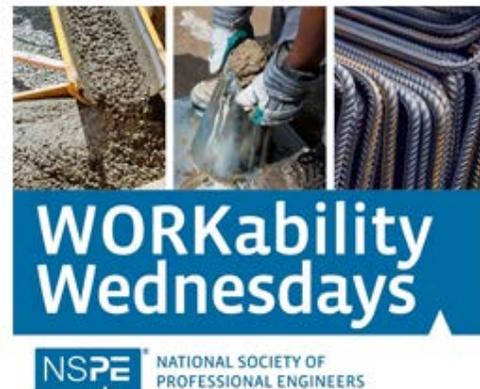


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