



State of the Parish

P R E S I D E N T M I K E C O O P E R



April 2022

YEAR IN REVIEW

“Throughout 2021, my top priority has been to prioritize the future of St. Tammany while handling the tremendous challenges.”

- President Cooper



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Parish President*



HURRICANE IDA

99% of power was disrupted.

Approx. 2,600,000 cubic yards of debris.

5,314 damage assessments.

23 live updates for a total of eight hours.
(More than any leader in Parish history)



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FISCAL CHALLENGE

The challenge of balancing the needs of the Justice Center, Jail, Offices of the District Attorney, Judges and others with the lack of necessary revenue.



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- **We finished the year with an increase in sales tax revenue.**
- **We issued a total of 1,807 single family home permits, over 200 more than the previous year.**



In 2020, the population in St. Tammany was **2.38** times greater than in 1980!



Source: Census Bureau



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**Amount budgeted for local road improvement
projects throughout St. Tammany Parish**

\$26,352,187

Funding Source: Sales Tax District 3



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ROAD & BRIDGE PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- Harrison Avenue
 - Includes Roundabout at LA-59
- Emerald Forest Blvd.
- Sharp Rd.
- Mandeville Bypass Rd.
- Rousseau Rd. Bridge
- US-190 / Judge Tanner Roundabout



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An aerial photograph of a bridge construction site. A large white crane is positioned on the left, extending its arm over a concrete bridge deck. A yellow excavator is visible on the right side of the construction area. The site is surrounded by dense trees and some residential houses are visible in the upper left. The background is a solid dark blue.

BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**Third Avenue
Bridge Replacement**

**Million Dollar Road
Bridge Replacement**

**Hosmer Mill Road
Bridge Replacement**



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BRIDGES IN DESIGN

Smith Road
Bridge Replacement

Hawthorne Hollow
Bridge Replacement

Chris Kennedy Road
Bridge Replacement



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Widening of I-12

Phase 1

US HWY. 190 to LA HWY. 59

\$54.5 Million

- Widening of highway and bridge
- Completion Expected – Late 2022

Phase 2

LA HWY. 21 to US HWY. 190

\$59.15 Million

- Widening of highway and bridge
- Completion Expected – Late 2023



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Collins Blvd. Expansion

- Collins Blvd / Overpass Phase 1
 - Project includes:
 - Widening of Collins Blvd. from Front St. (The Chimes) to Lee Rd. (LA HWY 437)
 - Construction of new northbound lanes for overpass over Boston St. and Tammany Trace
 - Bids received in March 2022.
 - Construction expected to begin Fall 2022



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LA HWY. 3241

- **LA 3241** Construction of **new state highway** from I-12 in Lacombe to LA HWY. 40/41 in Bush
 - \$210 million project
- 3 Phases
 - Segment 1: **I-12/LA HWY. 434** interchanged to **LA HWY. 36** – (\$80 million)
 - Segment 2: **LA HWY. 36** to **LA HWY. 435** – (\$75 million)
 - Segment 3: **LA HWY. 435** to **LA HWY. 40/LA HWY. 41** – (\$55 million)
- Land clearing for segments 2 & 3 is underway.
 - Right of way acquisition underway for Segment 1.



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LA HWY. 1077 Corridor Study

- Study was conducted in conjunction with the **Regional Planning Commission**.
 - Study was concentrated between I-12 and US 190 in Goodbee .
- Near-term upgrades:
 - I-12 interchange ramp improvements
 - Capacity increases at LA 1077 and LA 1085 intersection.
 - Four lane widening from I-12 to half mile north of LA 1077 and LA 1085 intersection.



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Roundabouts

- In the planning stages for:
 - LA HWY. 22 at LA HWY 1085
 - LA HWY. 22 at Perilloux Road
 - LA HWY. 1088 at
 - Soult St.
 - Trinity St.
 - US HWY. 11 at Spartan Drive
 - US HWY. 190 West at
 - Carroll Road
 - Westminster Drive
 - Maris Stella Avenue
 - Northshore Blvd.
 - Camp Villere



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Drainage Projects Planned

Brewster Rd. / HWY. 1077 Detention Pond

- Proposed 10-acre detention pond in Madisonville area
- Drainage Model Complete, Property Acquisition Underway

Goodbye Detention Pond

- Proposed 54-acre detention pond in the Tantella Ranch Rd / HWY. 1077 area near Goodbye
- Final Drainage Model is 80% Complete.



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Drainage Projects Planned

Coquille Detention Pond

- Proposed 30-acre detention pond north of Coquille Sports Complex
- Existing Condition Drainage Modeling is complete, Final Drainage Model is 10% Complete

Westwood Detention Pond

- Proposed 60-acre detention pond in the Westwood Estates / Sharp Rd area near Mandeville
- Drainage Model Complete, Design complete



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W-15 Projects

- French Branch Pond (Yellow)
- Widening (Red)
- Diversion (Green)
- Public Works Maintenance



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GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT

GOMESA shares leasing revenues with Gulf of Mexico
producing states for coastal restoration projects



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Tchefuncte Lighthouse Shoreline Restoration

- Protect and maintain existing shoreline.
- Construct a breakwater and bulkhead.
- In permitting phase

Lock No. 1 Boat Launch Restoration

- Upgrade boat ramp area and provide coastal protection
- In permitting phase

Davis Landing Canal Restoration

- Dredging 3,000 cubic yards
- Safer access for boaters, shoreline protection and improved drainage
- In final stages of Design Phase

Big Branch (Lacombe) Living Shoreline

- Provide natural infrastructure and protection from wave erosion
- In the Feasibility Study/Design Phase

Slidell Breakwater

- Designed to protect Eden Isle from storm surge debris.
- Construction for Eden Isle (HWY 11 to Twin Spin; 1.5 miles)
- In Design Phase



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

St. Tammany Parish has been
granted approximately **\$50 million**
in stimulus funding from ARPA.

Parish Government has already
received **\$25 million**.



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A photograph of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., featuring its iconic white dome and neoclassical architecture. The building is surrounded by green lawns, trees, and flower beds in the foreground. Several people are visible walking on the grounds. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

\$14 million for *water and sewer*
infrastructure improvements

\$3.5 million allocated to provide
broadband infrastructure to
underserved areas

\$2.5 million to support *public*
health response, non-profit and
negative economic impacts

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East Slidell Regional Water Consolidation

Phase 1

- Will consolidate five (5) independent water systems – providing resiliency and redundancy for the Cross Gates Water Systems.
 - 2 new elevated water tanks
 - New water well
 - 2 permanently mounted generators
 - Remote monitoring technology
- \$22.7 million in ARPA funding
 - \$15.7 million State, \$7 million Parish



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Department of Utilities Projects

Goodbee Regional WWTP

- Will provide sewer capacity improvements
- Design phase underway

Westwood WWTP

- New blowers will reduce noise pollution



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Department of Utilities Projects

Cross Gates WWTP

- Revising design to meet LDEQ limits

Preferred Equities WWTP

- Will provide sewer capacity improvements

Alton Water Systems Interconnect

- Will connect Alton Water System to Magnolia Water



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“St. Tammany Parish is at a monumental crossroads. The decisions we make today will impact our children tomorrow.”

- President Cooper



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Final Report

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT January 2022

New Directions 2040 is a Comprehensive Plan aimed at creating a sustainable, resilient future for St. Tammany Parish.

- The current St. Tammany Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1999. It is time for an update!
- Visit **NewDirections2040.com** to learn more.

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MAKING A BETTER ST. TAMMANY

Unified Development Code Rewrite

The updated UDC will provide more precise requirements for development applications and avoid overlapping regulations.

Parishwide Comprehensive Drainage Plan

This plan will recommend parish code and policy revisions to promote improved drainage conditions in our Parish.



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MAKING A BETTER ST. TAMMANY

Parish Wetlands Plan

A Wetlands Plan is designed to prevent further loss or degradation of valuable wetlands.

Parishwide Comprehensive Transportation Plan

The plan will serve as the guide for implementation of mobility and transportation initiatives in the Parish.

Sustainable Growth Pilot Study

The study will address development-related drainage areas in St. Tammany with intentions of implementing the policies and procedures in other concerning areas Parishwide.

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Proposed Parishwide Moratorium on Zoning Density

- Parish Council amended the ordinance to **restrict zoning applications** to no more than **four homes per acre** for three months.
- **Allows for development** of property under its current zoning classification.
- The Parish has thousands of lots across all zoning classifications.
- Scheduled to be considered for adoption at **May 5th Council Meeting**.



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