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Association receives AT&T technology grant.

AT&T has selected the Zachary Taylor Parkway Association as a recipient of one of its community grants. The grant of \$5,000 is to "support upgraded technology to enable the executive director to more effectively perform his duties for the Parkway..."

In presenting the check before the members at the March quarterly meeting, Janet Whitters, Regional Manager for AT&T said, "On behalf of AT&T, we are very pleased to be a part of this community and to be able to give back through our community grants. I want to thank you all for participating in the community and for your efforts with the Zachary Taylor Parkway project. AT&T looks forward to a long and continued



Janet Whitters (left) of AT&T presents a \$5,000 check to Association Vice President, Gordon Burgess and Executive Director, Maria Bowen.

partnership with you and the other communities we serve."

The Association will use the AT&T grant to purchase much needed upgrades in both hardware and software.

Save the date -- Wednesday, June 11, 2008 -- Quarterly Meetings
Southern Forest Heritage Museum -- Rapides Parish

ZTP Master Plan contract let by LaDOTD.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has entered into a contract with Urban Systems Associations, Inc., to revise and expand the ZTP master plan. The cost of the contract is \$150,000. It will include five tasks outlined below. Prior to beginning Task 1, the LaDOTD will hold a meeting including

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We've Moved!

Please note our new information:

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John James Audubon...an update on the bridge.

By Troy Gros, JJA Spokesman

Work on the trestles at the Mississippi River crossing is at a standstill due to the high water, but work continues on the 12 miles of two-lane roadway approaches and 8 conventional bridges that will connect LA 1 east of Hospital Road at New Roads to US 61 south of LA 966 at St. Francisville.

Work is being done in the Prefabrication Yard where testing is being performed on the jacking system used for lowering and raising pre-cast formwork panels. Piles are currently being driven for many of the conventional bridges. Grading and drainage work continues on the west side.

The water level of the Mississippi River is being monitored daily for changes. When it again reaches a safe level, work on the trestles will resume. Once the trestles are complete, work crews will be able to continue work on the main bridge structure despite future river conditions.



A study in contrasts... Above is from January 31, 2008. Below is the same exact location on April 30, 2008.



John James Audubon...new spokesman named.

Troy Gros grew up in Thibodaux and has now been living in Baton Rouge for several years. He graduated from the University of New Orleans with a degree in Education and taught for several years in Lafourche Parish.

"When I moved to Baton Rouge, I discovered the world of Parks & Recreation," says Troy. "I took a job with the Recreation and Park Commission for East Baton Rouge

Parish (BREC) beginning as an Assistant Area Supervisor."

Troy was eventually promoted to the supervisor of the Senior Services program, and later to Marketing and Publicity Manager. He joins the LA Timed Managers program with several years of experience in Public Relations and is very excited for the opportunity to be the Communications Coordinator and Spokesperson for the John James Audubon bridge project.

Please renew your Association membership today!
We welcome new members. Anyone interested in joining,
please contact our office by phone: (225) 389-1212.

2008-2012 Zachary Taylor Parkway Legislative Delegation.

Below is contact information for the legislators who represent any portion of a parish included in the Zachary Taylor Parkway District. Please contact members of the delegation and encourage them to support our Zachary Taylor Parkway efforts!



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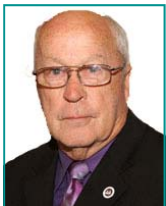
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representatives of the Department, the Zachary Taylor Parkway and Urban Systems to further discuss the scope of services for the contract.

Task I Master Plan Update

The original master plan will be updated to reflect the final location of the John James Audubon Bridge and approaches between La. 1 in New Roads and US 61 south of St. Francisville.

Task II Traffic Analysis

a traffic study will determine current and future traffic volumes in the affected area and how the increase in traffic volume caused by the new bridge will be distributed over the network.

Task III Alternatives

Alternatives will determine the feasibility of providing route continuity between the east approach to the bridge at US 61 and La. 10 near Jackson to eliminate the "dogleg" caused when the final location the bridge and approaches intersected US 61 south of St. Francisville. Consideration will be given to a new

location, as well as upgrades to existing state and local roads.

Task IV Environmental Inventory

A limited environmental inventory of potential social, economic and environmental impacts will be conducted within the study area and concerns will be identified.

Task V Study Report

All findings, conclusions and recommendations will be presented in a formal report.

Thank you!



Thank you to Gordon Burgess and Tangipahoa Parish for hosting our March quarterly meetings!