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Sustainably build and maintain parishwide drainage, roads/bridges, and utility infrastructure

The CPPJ has made significant strides in positioning Calcasieu Parish as a statewide model for local drainage and watershed management, particularly as it continues to face flood risks and environmental challenges. Building on this momentum, the CPPJ is committed to further enhancing the parish's infrastructure resilience by implementing innovative approaches and new technologies and securing the resources needed to drive this effort. With the long-awaited Calcasieu River Bridge project finally moving forward, there is real momentum at the state level to address and solve congestion needs. Locally, the CPPJ is focused on mirroring that progress by taking a leadership role in coordinating critical infrastructure investments across the parish's roads, bridges, and utility infrastructure. As the definition of "utilities" has evolved, the CPPJ recognizes its role in areas like broadband development and remains committed to providing strategic guidance and oversight to ensure utility expansions are aligned with the parish's long-term vision and needs.

GOAL 5.1: SECURE CAPACITY TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Primary Lead: Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration, Human Resources, Information Technology

KEY INITIATIVES	
5.1.1	Develop a structured approach for redefining "utilities"
5.1.2	Explore the procurement of a software solution to proactively manage turnover and strategic hiring

GOAL 5.2: PRIORITIZE AND FUND PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE DRAINAGE CONDITIONS

Primary Lead: Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration

KEY INITIATIVES	
5.2.1	Leverage technology toward identifying strategic locations for drainage improvements and making development determinations
5.2.2	Identify and implement key flood risk reduction projects
5.2.3	Establish a local buyout program for repetitive loss properties due to flooding

GOAL 5.3: PROMOTE RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Primary Lead: Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Planning and Development

KEY INITIATIVES	
5.3.1	Identify and leverage infrastructure-focused best practices from other successful communities
5.3.2	Utilize materials that enable infrastructure to serve as a long-term investment
5.3.3	Develop and implement affordable construction standards for resilient infrastructure projects
5.3.4	Facilitate expansion of more resilient underground utilities to mitigate damage from natural disasters
5.3.5	Facilitate greater, more reliable broadband access across the parish

GOAL 5.4: ENHANCE ROADWAY SAFETY AND CAPACITY THROUGH WELL-DEFINED POLICIES, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS

Primary Lead: Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration, Planning and Development

KEY INITIATIVES	
5.4.1	Identify and implement roadway roundabouts or other improvements where feasible
5.4.2	Enhance I-10 corridor beautification and other features

GOAL 5.5: ENHANCE COORDINATION WITH STATE TO ALIGN POLICIES, DATA NEEDS, AND SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING PARISH NEEDS

Primary Lead: Administration

Supporting Responsibilities: Engineering and Public Works, Planning and Development

KEY INITIATIVES	
5.5.1	Align CPPJ infrastructure activities with those of relevant state agencies
5.5.2	Advocate for policy and other changes at the state level to help address CPPJ priority needs