

# State of the Parish

PRESIDENT MIKE COOPER



# YEAR IN REVIEW Throughout 2021, my top priority has been to prioritize the future of St. Tammany while handling the tremendous challenges. - President Cooper



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.

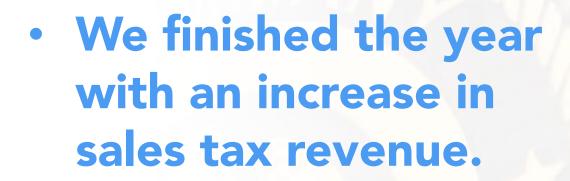
(More than any leader in Parish history)





### FISCAL CHALLENGE

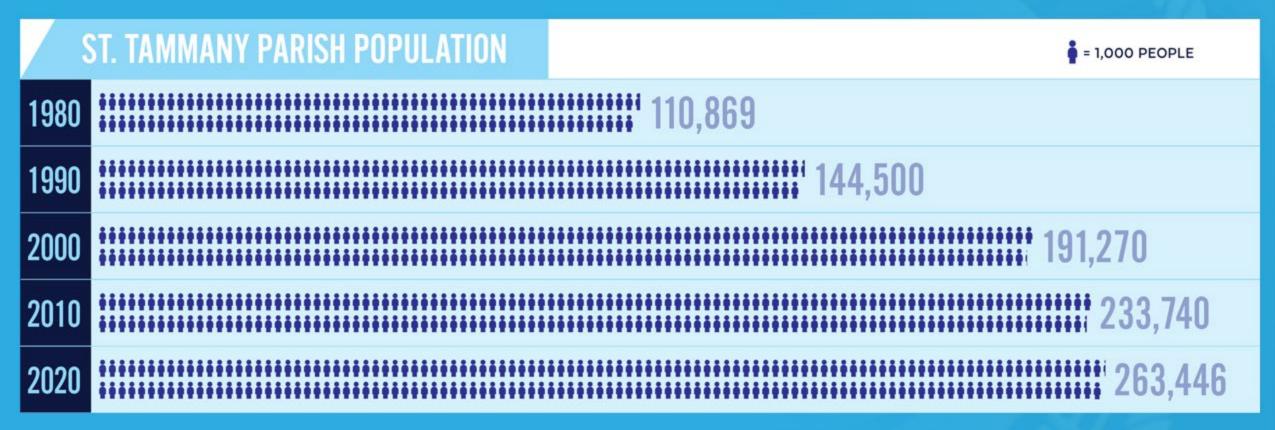
The challenge of balancing the needs of the Justice Center, Jail, Offices of the District Attorney, Judges and others with the lack of necessary revenue.



 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!







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

\$26,352,187

Funding Source: Sales Tax District 3





# 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



# BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Third Avenue
Bridge Replacement

Million Dollar Road Bridge Replacement

Hosmer Mill Road Bridge Replacement

### **BRIDGES IN DESIGN**

**Smith Road Bridge Replacement** 

**Hawthorne Hollow Bridge Replacement** 

**Chris Kennedy Road Bridge Replacement** 







### 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

### 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



### **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.



### 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.





### Drainage Projects Planned

### Brewster Rd. / HWY. 1077 Detention Pond

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

### **Goodbee Detention Pond**

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









# GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT

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



### 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

\$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

# 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



# Department of Utilities Projects

### **Goodbee Regional WWTP**

- Will provide sewer capacity improvements
- Design phase underway

### **Westwood WWTP**

New blowers will reduce noise pollution



# 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







### **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.



### 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.





### **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.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.





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