

Councilwoman Chauna Banks to host community meeting update on the BTR Airport's plans to re-route Plank Road

BATON ROUGE — There's part of Plank Road that's just a few hundred feet from the end of an airport runway, and the Baton Rouge airport says it's just not safe. The Baton Rouge Airport has ended Phase 2 of the plans to detour the busy road and nearing construction.

An update meeting will be held **from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2020, BTR Airport Main Terminal Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 9430 Jackie Cochran Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70807. Free garage parking.**

Relocating Plank Road, the long-term solution would cost \$25 million-\$40 million depending on the design. The idea is to relocate the road one time, and that will take care of the safety issue, the design standards with the FAA and still provide access along the north/south corridor. Several vacant properties and homes have been acquired.

The FAA calls the changes a “runway protection zone.” It is planned to prevent an aircraft from ending up on Plank Road.

“There was an incident back in the '70s where that actually did happen, fortunately, nobody was hurt,” said Councilwoman Banks.

Meeting attendees must submit to temperature check, maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people, wear a mask, and limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items.

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