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**Mayor Holden Announces Public Workshops to Help Plan Development Around Streetcar Route**  
***Downtown and Old South Baton Rouge Workshops will Feature Interactive Polling and Exercises***

Mayor-President Melvin L. "Kip" Holden announced that his office, along with the Department of Transportation and Drainage and the East Baton Rouge Planning Commission, will host two land-use planning public workshops as part of the TramLinkBR project.

The workshops will be held in the Downtown and Old South Baton Rouge areas and are open to anyone interested in learning more or providing input to help direct the new development that may be spurred by the streetcar in a manner that will benefit all citizens.

The first public workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at the McKinley Alumni Center, 1520 Thomas H. Delpit Drive, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The second workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 2, at the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, 100 River Road South, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

John Fregonese, planning consultant to the City-Parish on the FUTUREBR comprehensive plan for land use and development, will facilitate the workshops. Participants can learn more about how successful modern streetcars improve communities as they take part in interactive hands-on exercises and provide input through a keypad polling system that instantly registers feedback.

"To plan growth and development responsibly, it's important to plan for the potential impacts a project like the streetcar will have," said Mayor Holden, "and we believe it will be very positive for the areas around the route. But it's important that the public has an opportunity to fully participate in the decision-making process, so our office is conducting these land use workshops simultaneously with the planning of the streetcar route."

More information on the TramLinkBR project can be found at [www.tramlinkbr.com](http://www.tramlinkbr.com).

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