

ROAD ABANDONMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1. The Parish Transportation Act defines a public road as any road accepted for maintenance by parish governing authority that serves a public purpose that is in the best interest of the parish. If the benefits in maintaining and improving the road is primarily to private landowners and the benefits to the general public are merely incidental, the road would be considered private in nature and use of parish labor, equipment, and materials to maintain same is prohibited in accordance with Article VII, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana.
2. Upon receipt of a request for revocation of a dedicated road and/or abandonment of an existing parish road, the Jury would refer the matter to the Public Works Committee for investigation and formulation of a recommendation to the full Jury.
3. When the recommendation of the Public Works Committee is to be considered by the Jury as a whole, at least ten (10) days prior notice in the Jury's Official Journal will be made and copies of the notice of the meeting will be sent to any interested property owners, where known, which are directly affected by the revocation and/or abandonment.
4. The Jury as a whole will conduct a Public Hearing on the question of abandonment and/or revocation at which time members of the interested public will be allowed to voice their support of opposition to the proposed revocation and/or abandonment.
5. If the Jury as a whole (after the Public Hearing is held) determines that the parish road is not being used for a public purpose and that the revocation and/or abandonment is in the best interest of the public, it will pass a Resolution to that effect.
6. If there is substantial opposition to a proposed abandonment and/or revocation, the Police Jury will seek a declaratory judgement as to whether or not the subject road or street is in fact being used by the public and needed to serve a public purpose.
7. If the road or street is revoked or abandoned, the 911 assigned name will remain the same, but the road will become private. If the road is at least $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or longer in length, the owner(s) would have the option of renaming as a private road upon application with the 911 Communications District.
8. Obtaining easements and rights of access are the responsibility of each landowner involved.