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Airline and Jefferson Ramp Meter Activation Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 7 & 9

Remote monitoring by traffic management center

Baton Rouge, La. – The southbound Airline Highway ramp meter at the on-ramp to eastbound I-12 is scheduled to be activated Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 2-7 p.m. Also, the Jefferson Highway ramp meter at the on-ramp to eastbound I-12 is scheduled to be activated Thursday, Dec. 9 from 2-7 p.m.

When approaching the ramp meter signals, drivers should fill all available lanes and pull to the stop bars. The meters will stop vehicles for no more than 4 seconds before allowing one car at a time to progress forward. These ramp meters will only operate during the afternoon weekday commute hours. If the meters are not on, drivers can proceed through the on-ramp without stopping at the meters.

All ramp meters are also remotely monitored and under the control of DOTD's Traffic Management Center. So, for example, if the on-ramps begin to back up, the meters can be turned off for a short period of time to allow vehicles to clear out.

All westbound ramp meters, from Walker/LA 447 to Essen Lane, have been activated. Once the Airline and Jefferson ramp meters are active, 14 of the 16 meters will be operational. The O'Neal Lane and Range Avenue ramp meters to eastbound I-12 will be activated in 2011.

To date, observations by DOTD staff and consultant engineers indicate that average interstate speeds in the corridor have increased by as much as 10 mph, there is less stop and go on the interstates and few minor crashes have been reported.

The ramp meters will operate exclusively during peak travel times, 6-10 a.m. for westbound on-ramps and 2-7 p.m. for eastbound on-ramps, and during special events or incidents.

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For more information, please visit www.dotd.la.gov, email dotdcs@la.gov, or call DOTD's Customer Service Center at (225) 379-1232 or 1-877-4LADOTD (1-877-452-3683). Business hours are 7:30 a.m. -

5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motorists can access up-to-date travel information by dialing 511 or by visiting www.511la.org. Out-of-state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511).