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**I-12 Lane Closure at Range Avenue Ramps Lifted for Monday Night**

Eastbound right lane and Range Avenue Ramp still closed Tuesday to repair and reset barriers

**Baton Rouge, La.**—The scheduled eastbound right lane closure of Interstate 12 for tonight has been lifted. The closure of the eastbound Range Avenue entrance ramp also was lifted and will remain open.

The eastbound right lane of I-12 from the start of the Range Avenue exit ramp and the Range Avenue entrance ramp will still close Tuesday, Aug. 18, for crews to reset and repair damaged concrete barriers. These closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. to minimize traffic impacts. The barriers were damaged when a wide-load truck struck them.

The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph through the construction zone and motorists should exercise extreme caution and obey all warning signs.

Motorists wanting to take an alternate travel route can exit at O'Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel east to Walker. Turn right on Walker North Road and travel south to I-12.

The I-12 widening project is scheduled to finish before the 2011 Thanksgiving holiday. The project is funded with \$100 million in surplus funds provided by Gov. Bobby Jindal and the Louisiana Legislature during the 2008 session.

The project will widen I-12 from two lanes to three lanes eastbound from the west side of the O'Neal Lane overpass to just east of Pete's Highway and westbound from just west of 4-H Club Road to the west side of the O'Neal Lane overpass.

Included in the widening will be a 12-foot inside and outside shoulders and a complete replacement of the eastbound and westbound bridges over the Amite River.

For more information on this project, call Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (452-3683) or visit [www.I12widening.org](http://www.I12widening.org).

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