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**Overnight closures scheduled for Essen Lane**

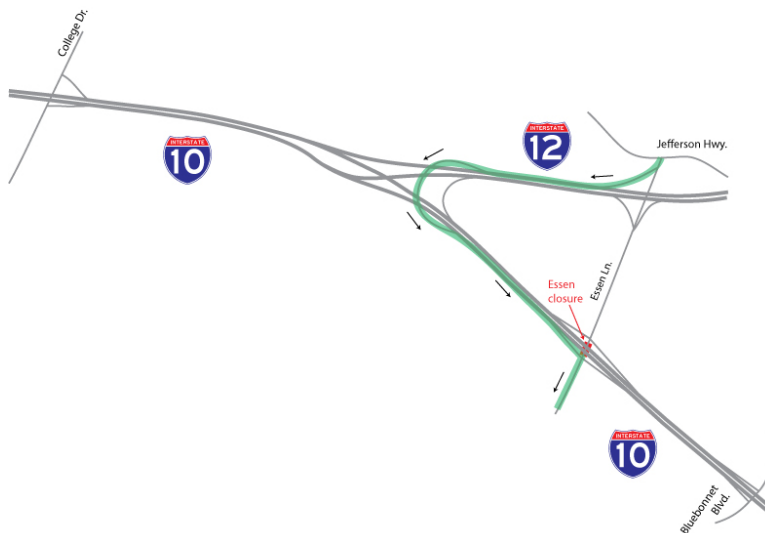
**Baton Rouge**— Essen Lane, beneath the I-10 overpass, will be closed the nights of Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17. The closure will be in effect from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m. each evening to allow construction crews to safely demolish the old I-10 overpass above Essen Lane.

Emergency vehicles traveling north or southbound on Essen Lane will be allowed access to the LSU Burden Research Center and pass under I-10 through the Essen Tunnel, located immediately west of Essen Lane.

Other drivers should use one of the following detour routes:

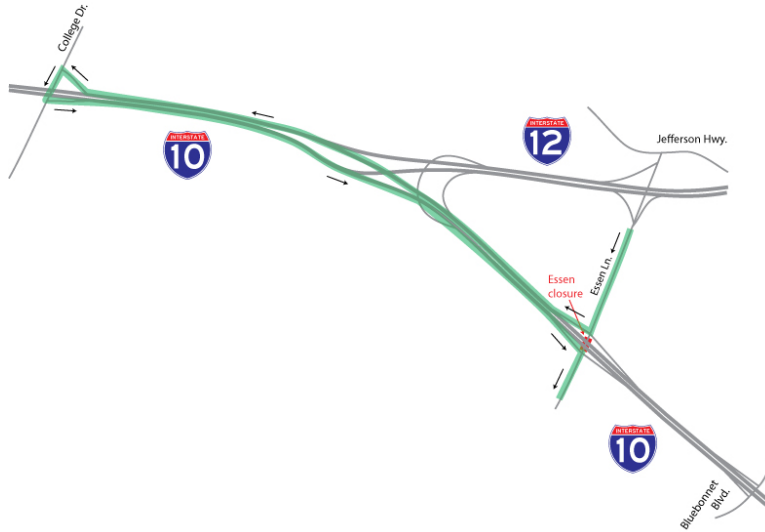
**1. Traveling southbound on Essen Lane from north of I-12:**

- Take I-12 westbound on-ramp, exit at I-10 eastbound (Exit 1A), and exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue southbound travel.



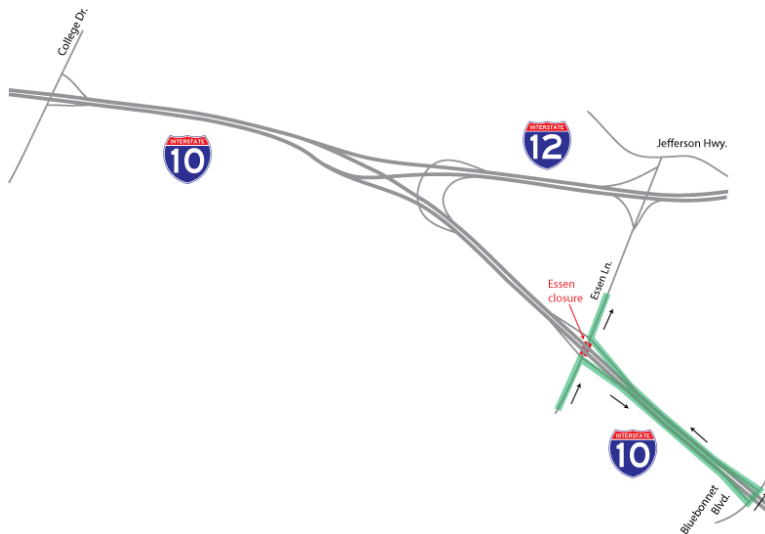
**2. Traveling southbound on Essen Lane from south of I-12:**

- Take I-10 westbound on-ramp, exit at College Drive (Exit 158), take I-10 eastbound on-ramp from College Drive, and exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue southbound travel.



**3. Traveling northbound on Essen Lane from south of I-10:**

- Take the I-10 eastbound on-ramp and exit at Bluebonnet Boulevard (Exit 162A). Then take I-10 westbound on-ramp from Bluebonnet Boulevard and exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue northbound travel.



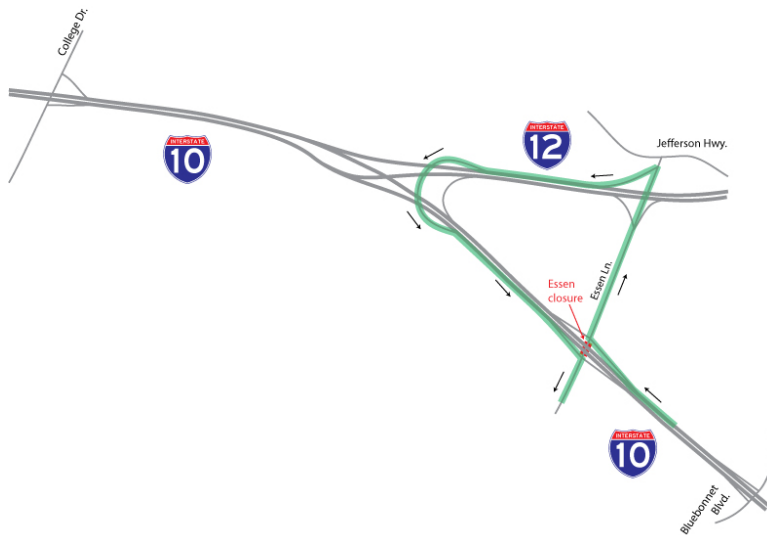
**4. I-10 eastbound traffic to Essen Lane northbound:**

- Exit at Bluebonnet Boulevard (Exit 162A). Then, take the I-10 westbound on-ramp and exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue northbound travel.



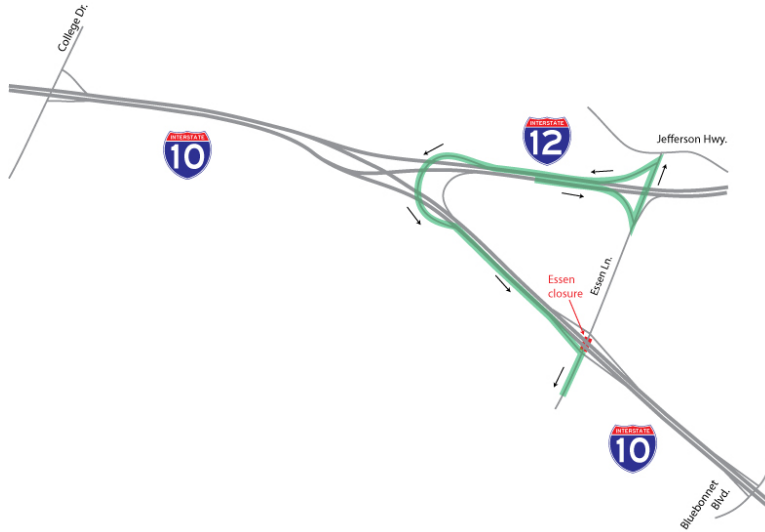
**5. I-10 westbound traffic to Essen Lane southbound:**

- Exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160), then turn right and take I-12 westbound on-ramp. Exit at I-10 eastbound (Exit 1A), then exit at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue southbound travel.



## 6. I-12 eastbound traffic to Essen Lane southbound:

- Exit at Essen Lane (Exit 1B), turn left and take the I-12 westbound on-ramp. Exit at I-10 eastbound (Exit 1A), then exit I-10 at Essen Lane (Exit 160) to continue southbound travel.



All construction work is weather dependent and may be re-scheduled in the event of inclement weather.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates the patience of drivers during this construction program. Everyone is reminded to exercise caution, and to obey the lower posted speed limits and other warning signs in the work zones.

The Geaux Wider program is a multi-year construction initiative designed to increase capacity, improve safety and enhance mobility on Interstates 10 and 12 in East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes.

The following interstate segments are being widened to six lanes under the Geaux Wider program:

- Interstate 10, from the I-10/12 split to Siegen Lane.
- Interstate 10, from the Siegen Lane interchange to Highland Road.
- Interstate 12, from the O'Neal Lane interchange to Pete's Highway.
- Interstate 12 eastbound, from Pete's Highway to Juban Road.

The completion date for the entire program is tentatively scheduled for 2013. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LADOTD (3683) or visit [www.GeauxWider.com](http://www.GeauxWider.com).

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