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Lane shifts planned for Interstate 10 eastbound

Baton Rouge— Travel lanes on Interstate 10 eastbound will shift to the newly constructed inside lane of the interstate for approximately one year. There will be two shifts: one between the I-10/I-12 split and Essen Lane, and one between Picardy Avenue and just east of Siegen Lane.

Interstate 10 eastbound drivers will encounter the lane shifts this week. Eastbound traffic between the I-10/I-12 split and Essen Lane will be shifted to the newly constructed inside lane Wednesday evening, September 21. Workers will implement a similar traffic shift Saturday evening, September 24 from Picardy Avenue to east of Siegen Lane.

These shifts are expected to remain in place for approximately one year as work continues to widen I-10 to six lanes between the I-10/I-12 split and Highland Road.

The following nighttime lane and ramp closures will accompany the lane shifts:

- Alternating I-10 eastbound lane closures between the I-10/I-12 split and Essen Lane, Wednesday, September 21 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Closure of the I-12 flyover ramp to I-10 eastbound, Wednesday, September 21 from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m.
- Alternating I-10 eastbound lane closures between Bluebonnet Boulevard and the Ward's Creek Bridge east of Siegen Lane, Saturday, September 24 at 8 p.m. to Monday, September 26 at 5 a.m.
- Closure of the Picardy Avenue on-ramp to I-10 eastbound, Saturday, September 24 at 8 p.m. to Monday, September 26 at 5 a.m.
- Closure of the Siegen Lane on-ramp to I-10 eastbound, Saturday, September 24 at 8 p.m. to Sunday, September 25 at 5 a.m.

Media members who need access to the interstate work zones to obtain photos or video must first contact the Geaux Wider team at (225) 906-1448. For safety reasons, no unscheduled or unaccompanied visits are permitted.

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.

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