



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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I-10 to Completely Close in Both Directions Tonight

Baton Rouge—All westbound and eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 from Essen Lane to the I-10/12 split will close tonight, April 6, at midnight (Wednesday morning) for approximately 30 minutes. This closure will include the Interstate 12 onramp from I-10 westbound. This closure is necessary for crews to perform soil-cement operations.

In addition, there are two other scheduled single-lane closures associated with the I-10 widening project for tonight. The following closures are scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Siegen Lane to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. excluding the 30 minutes of complete closure for embankment and bridge work.
- Eastbound I-10 from the I-10/12 split to Essen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. excluding the 30 minutes of complete closure for embankment and bridge work.

These closures will allow vehicles 11-feet wide or smaller to pass through the construction zones. The road is open for regular traffic, but oversize vehicles must detour using U.S. 61 (Airline Highway) at the Sorrento exit and travel north the Interstate 12, travel west on I-12 and reconnect with I-10 in Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates your patience and encourages drivers to exercise caution and obey all warning signs through the construction area. Please be aware of all construction workers and equipment.

The Louisiana DOTD 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 will be 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.

Construction is underway now with the completion date for the entire program estimated for late 2012. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683) or visit www.geauxwider.com.

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