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****UPDATE****

I-10 at Bluebonnet to Completely Close in Both Directions Tomorrow Night
All travel lanes to close for power-line installation

Baton Rouge—The DOTD announced today that all westbound and eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 at Bluebonnet Boulevard will close for 30 minutes at midnight tomorrow night/Friday morning (June 24/25) for Entergy to install new overhead power lines.

In addition, the following on-ramp and off-ramp closures are scheduled for tomorrow night/Friday morning (June 24/25), weather permitting:

- The I-10 westbound on-ramp from Siegen Lane will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The I-10 westbound on-ramp at Picardy Avenue will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The I-10 eastbound off-ramp at Picardy Avenue will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

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, visit www.geauxwider.com or contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683)

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