



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-10 and I-12 Widening Projects

**Baton Rouge**—There are a few scheduled lane closures associated with the I-10 widening project for this week. The following closures are scheduled for Sunday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 13:

- 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. for embankment and bridge work.
- Eastbound I-10 from the I-10/12 split to Siegen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for embankment and bridge work.
- Southbound Bluebonnet Boulevard underneath the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for 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 to Interstate 12, travel west on I-12 and reconnect with I-10 in Baton Rouge.

There are also some closures associated with the I-12 widening project for this week. The following closures are scheduled for Sunday, July 11 through Saturday, July 17:

- Eastbound I-12 from O'Neal Lane to just past the Pete's Highway overpass will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for concrete paving operations.
- The eastbound I-12 on-ramps at O'Neal Lane and Range Avenue will have intermittent closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for concrete paving operations.

Drivers wishing to detour this area will exit at O'Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Blvd. Turn right on Florida Blvd and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right on Juban Road and travel south to re-intersect with I-12.

Oversized loads/vehicles are not permitted to travel through this construction area without proper permits and escorts. All emergency vehicles will have access to travel through this area.

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](http://www.geauxwider.com).

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