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UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-10 Widening Project
Complete closure of I-10 Westbound at Bluebonnet CANCELLED for tonight

Baton Rouge, La.—Several scheduled lane closures associated with the I-10 widening project for this week have been cancelled and rescheduled due to weather conditions:

- Westbound I-10 at Bluebonnet Boulevard *WILL NOT* completely close for 30 minutes tonight at 1 a.m. for equipment relocation. This closure has not been rescheduled at this time.
- Westbound I-10 from Bluebonnet Boulevard to the I-10/12 split *WILL NOT* reduce to one lane for embankment tonight through Thursday, Dec. 3.

The following lane closures are now scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Essen Lane to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane for repair work from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The westbound I-10 onramp at Essen Lane will close for repair work from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- The I-12 onramp coming from I-10 westbound will close for repair work from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The following lane closures now are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Bluebonnet to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane for embankment work from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Both directions of Bluebonnet Boulevard beneath the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. to install concrete barriers.

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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