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**UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-10 Widening Project**

**Baton Rouge**—There are several scheduled lane closures associated with the I-10 widening project next week. The following closures are scheduled for Sun., Feb. 21 through Thurs., Feb. 25, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Pecue Lane to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane for embankment and bridge work.
- Eastbound I-10 from the I-10/12 split to Pecue Lane will reduce to one lane for embankment and bridge work.
- Both directions of Bluebonnet Boulevard will reduce to one lane under the I-10 overpass.
- Both directions of Essen Lane will reduce to one lane under the I-10 overpass.

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

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