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

Baton Rouge— There is a scheduled closure associated with the I-10 widening project for tonight. The following closure is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24:

- The I-12 eastbound on-ramp from I-10 westbound will be closed from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. The I-10 westbound on-ramp from Essen Lane will also be closed at this time. This closure is necessary for crews to repair an impact attenuator (“crash cushion”).

In addition, there are two scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening project for this week. The following closures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 26, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Siegen to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for concrete paving, embankment and bridge work.
- Northbound Siegen Lane will be reduced to one turning lane to I-10 westbound and Southbound Siegen Lane will be reduced to one lane underneath the I-10 overpass 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.

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 2013. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683) or visit www.geauxwider.com.

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