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Lane Closure Advisories for the I-10 and I-12 Widening Project *New I-10 project will extend closure to Highland tonight*

Baton Rouge, La.--There are three scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening projects for tonight and tomorrow night. The following closures are scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29, 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.
- 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. **This closure will extend to Highland Road as a result of the new I-10 widening project from Siegen to Highland on Wednesday, July 28 only.**
- Southbound Bluebonnet will reduce to one lane at the I-10 overpass 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.

As previously announced, the lane shifts along I-12 eastbound will occur over the course of two nights:

- **Wednesday, July 28** – Traffic on eastbound I-12 between O’Neal Lane and the Amite River Bridge will shift to the right onto the new pavement.
- **Thursday, July 29** – Traffic on eastbound I-12 between the Amite River Bridge and the 4-H Club Road overpass will shift to the right onto the new pavement.

The I-12 eastbound on-ramp at O’Neal lane will close during this time, and there also will be right- and left-lane closures through the construction area. All activity will take place between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. on July 28 and 29. These shifts signify that the project is moving into the next phase of construction.

Motorists wanting to take an alternate route can exit at O’Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right on Juban Road and travel south to re-intersect with I-12 eastbound. Oversized loads/vehicles will not be permitted to travel through these areas without proper permits and escorts.

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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