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

Baton Rouge—There are two scheduled lane closures associated with the I-12 widening project for tonight and tomorrow night. The following closures are scheduled for Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20, weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-12 from O'Neal Lane to the Amite River Bridge will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. This will include closing the eastbound on-ramp at O'Neal Lane.
- Both eastbound lanes of I-12 will close intermittently for 15-minute intervals between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. to allow for concrete-paving operations.

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.

There are three scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening project for this week. The following closures are scheduled for Wednesday, July 21 and Thursday, July 22, 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 embankment and bridge work.
- Eastbound I-10 from the I-10/12 split to Siegen will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for embankment and bridge work.
- Southbound Bluebonnet will reduce to one lane at 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 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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