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

Baton Rouge— There is one scheduled lane closure associated with the I-12 widening project for this week. The following closure is scheduled for Monday, August 16 through Wednesday, August 18, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-12 from the 4-H Club Road overpass to O'Neal Lane will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Motorists wanting to take an alternate route can exit at Range Avenue and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn left onto Florida Boulevard and travel west to Old Hammond Highway. Turn left onto Old Hammond Highway and travel southwest to O'Neal Lane. Turn left onto O'Neal Lane and travel south to re-intersect with I-12 westbound. Oversized loads/vehicles will not be permitted to travel through these areas without proper permits and escorts. All emergency vehicles will have access to travel through this area.

There are four scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening project for this week. The following closures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 19, 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.
- Eastbound I-10 from before Essen Lane to past Ward's Creek will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for concrete paving, 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.
- 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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