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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**Baton Rouge**— There are several scheduled lane closures for the I-12 and I-10 widening projects this week. The following I-12 closures are scheduled for Sunday, December 12 through Sunday, December 19, weather permitting:

- Eastbound and/or westbound I-12 between Pete's Highway and Juban Road will have lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. to transport materials to and from the median.
- Westbound I-12 from Pete's Highway to Range Avenue will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. to transport materials to and from the median.

The following I-12 closure is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 through Sunday, December 19, weather permitting:

- Northbound and southbound Range Avenue (LA 3002) at the I-12 overpass will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge structure modifications.

Eastbound drivers wishing to detour this area may exit at O'Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn right onto Florida Blvd. and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right onto Juban Rd. and travel south to reconnect with I-12. Westbound drivers wishing to detour this area may exit at Juban Rd. and travel north to Florida Blvd. Turn left onto Florida Blvd. and travel west to O'Neal Ln. Turn left onto O'Neal Ln. and travel south to reconnect with I-12. Oversized loads/vehicles will not be permitted to travel through these areas without proper permits and escorts as the lanes will only allow for 11' wide or smaller vehicles to pass through the construction zone. All emergency vehicles will have access to travel through these areas at all times.

The following I-10 closures are scheduled for Sunday, December 12 through Tuesday, December 14, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 between Bluebonnet Boulevard and the Ward's Creek Bridge will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction and embankment work.
- Eastbound I-10 at Siegen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction and embankment work.

- Northbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will be fully closed for 15-minute intervals from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.
- Southbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.

The following I-10 closure is scheduled for Monday night/Tuesday morning, December 13/14, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 at Essen Lane will be fully closed for 30-minute intervals from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. so crews can move a large piece of construction equipment.

The following I-10 closures are scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, weather permitting:

- Northbound Siegen Lane at the I-10 overpass will be fully closed for 15-minute intervals from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.
- Southbound Siegen Lane at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.
- Eastbound I-10 at Siegen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction and embankment work.
- Westbound I-10 at Siegen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.

These closures will allow vehicles 11' wide or smaller to pass through the construction zones. The road is open for regular traffic, but oversize vehicles traveling westbound 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. Oversize vehicles traveling eastbound must detour to I-12 at the I-10/I-12 split and use Exit 2A (U.S. 61 south/Airline Highway) to travel south to reconnect with I-10 near Sorrento.

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 1-877-4LADOTD (3683) or visit [www.geauxwider.com](http://www.geauxwider.com).

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