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

Baton Rouge— There are scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening project for the first part of this week. The following closures are scheduled for Sunday, December 19, Tuesday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 22, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Bluebonnet Boulevard to Essen Lane will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.
- Northbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.
- Southbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for new bridge construction.

The following closures are scheduled for Monday, December 20, weather permitting:

- Southbound 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.
- Westbound I-10 at Siegen Lane 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.

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 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683) or visit www.geauxwider.com.

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