



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Baton Rouge—There are several scheduled closures associated with the I-10 widening project for tonight through next week. The following closure is scheduled for Friday, August 27, weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-10 from Siegen Lane to Highland Road will be reduced to one lane between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. for restriping.

The following I-10 closures are scheduled for Sunday, August 29, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 between Highland Road and Siegen Lane will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. so crews can install temporary concrete barriers.
- Westbound I-10 from Siegen Lane to the I-10/I-12 split will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for paving, embankment and bridge work.
- Southbound Essen Lane under the I-10 overpass will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work.

The following I-10 closure is scheduled for Monday, August 30, weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-10 between Siegen Lane and Highland Road will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. so crews can install temporary concrete barriers and work on rumble strips.

The following I-10 closures are scheduled for Monday, August 30, and Tuesday, August 31, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Siegen Lane to the I-10/I-12 split will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for paving, embankment and 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 under the I-10 overpass from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work.

The following I-10 closure is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1 (and possibly Thursday, September 2), weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-10 from west of Highland Road to the Highland Road overpass will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for rumble strip 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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