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****UPDATE****

I-12 between Range and O’Neal to Close Intermittently Early Thursday and Friday Morning
All travel lanes to close for power-line relocation

Baton Rouge—The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announced today that all eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 12 will close for 30-minute intervals between Range Avenue and O’Neal Lane between midnight and 4 a.m. early next Thursday morning, June 24 and early next Friday morning, June 25. These closures are necessary for Entergy to relocate power lines that stretch over I-12. Also, this will cause the eastbound I-12 on-ramp at O’Neal Lane and the westbound I-12 on-ramp at Range Avenue to close during these intervals.

Motorists traveling eastbound on I-12 wanting to take an alternate route can exit O’Neal Lane and travel north on to Florida Boulevard (U.S. 190). Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel east to Range Avenue. Turn right on Range Avenue and re-enter I-12 eastbound from Range Avenue.

Motorists traveling westbound on I-12 can exit Juban Road or Range Ave. and travel north to Florida Boulevard (U.S. 190). Turn left on Florida Boulevard and travel west to O’Neal Lane. Turn left on O’Neal Lane and re-enter I-12 from O’Neal Lane.

For the safety of the media, construction workers and the traveling public, any media member wanting to get video or photographs of construction activities must contact the Geaux Wider team. Anyone who does not have prior authorization will be escorted off the project site.

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, visit www.geauxwider.com or contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683).

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