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UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-12 Widening Project

Baton Rouge— There are scheduled closures associated with the I-12 widening project for the remainder of this week. The following closure is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, weather permitting:

- Northbound Range Avenue will have intermittent lane closures at the I-12 overpass from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for striping.

Northbound drivers wishing to detour this area will need to take Vincent Road east to Pete's Highway. Turn left onto Pete's Hwy. and travel north to Rushing Road. Turn left onto Rushing Rd. and travel west to reconnect with Range Ave. There will not be any load, width or weight restrictions in this area. All emergency vehicles will have access to travel through this area.

The following closures are scheduled for Thursday, December 16, weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-12 from O'Neal Lane to Pete's Highway will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.; there will also be intermittent closures of the Range Avenue on-ramp to eastbound I-12 at this time.
- Westbound I-12 from 4-H Club Road to the end of the Amite River Bridge will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The following closure is scheduled for Friday, December 17, weather permitting:

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

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 Range Avenue and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn left onto Florida Blvd. and travel west to O'Neal Lane. 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 because 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 this area.

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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