



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisory for the I-12 Widening Project** *Intermittent Complete Closures Necessary*

**Baton Rouge**— There is a scheduled closure associated with the I-12 widening project for tonight. The following closure is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-12 between Range Avenue and the Amite River Bridge will be completely closed intermittently between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. These closures will last for approximately ten minutes at a time and are necessary for additional striping of the roadway.

Law enforcement officers will be stationed at the Range Avenue overpass and at the Range on-ramp to westbound I-12 to assist with these closures.

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](http://www.geauxwider.com).

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