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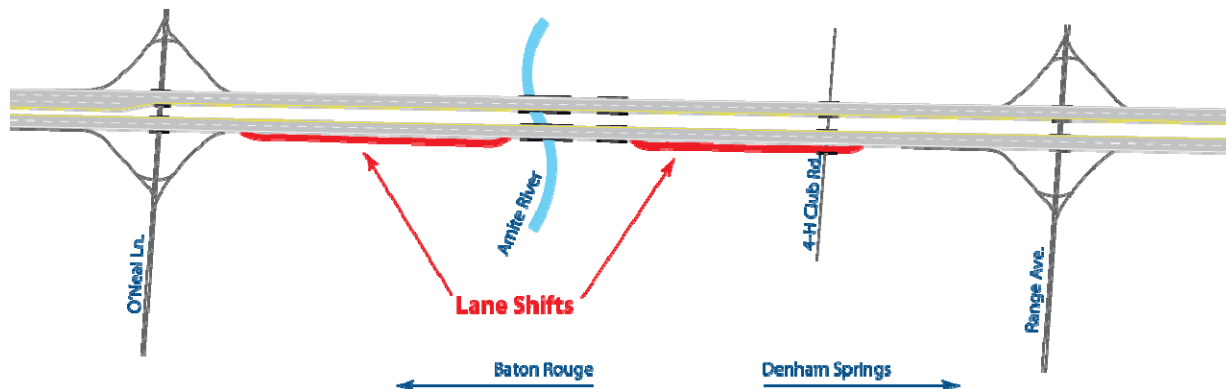
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**Eastbound lanes preparing to shift to new pavement along I-12 Widening Project**

**Baton Rouge**—Motorists traveling eastbound on I-12 through the current construction area will experience two lane shifts beginning July 28. A lane closure will be necessary to reset barriers to accommodate this shift, and this will take place between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. on July 28.

The first shift will occur just east of the O’Neal Lane overpass and shift back to the original roadway before the Amite River Bridge. The second shift will occur just east of the Amite River Bridge and shift back to the original roadway just after passing the 4-H Club Road overpass. (Below is a graphic illustrating the lane shifts. Please note that this graphic is not to scale.)



These shifts are necessary for workers to begin the second part of Phase One which will reconstruct the existing (old) roadway. These shifts will be in place for the next few months until the completion of the new eastbound Amite River Bridge later this fall.

Drivers wishing to detour this area will exit at O’Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Blvd. Turn right on Florida Blvd and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right on Juban Road and travel south to reconnect with I-12.

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

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