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UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-12 and I-10 Widening Projects

Baton Rouge— There are scheduled closures associated with the I-12 and I-10 widening projects for this week. The following I-12 closures are scheduled for Monday, January 24 through Saturday, January 29, weather permitting:

- Eastbound and/or westbound I-12 between Pete's Highway and Juban Road will have lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. to transport materials to and from the median.
- Westbound I-12 from Pete's Highway to the Amite River Bridge will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. to transport materials to and from the median.

The following I-12 closures are scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 through Saturday, January 29, weather permitting:

- Eastbound and westbound I-12 between O'Neal Lane and Pete's Highway will have lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for lane striping and concrete barrier rail placement.

The following I-12 closures are scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 27, weather permitting:

- Eastbound and westbound I-12 between O'Neal Lane and the Amite River Bridge will have intermittent **total closures** for 20-30 minutes at a time from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. These total closures are necessary for Entergy to reroute power lines across I-12.

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 Juban Rd. and travel north to Florida Blvd. Turn left onto Florida Blvd. and travel west to O'Neal Ln. Turn left onto O'Neal Ln. and travel south to reconnect with I-12.

The following I-10 closures are scheduled for Wednesday, January 26 and Thursday, January 27, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Bluebonnet Boulevard to Essen Lane will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge construction.
- Northbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge construction.
- Southbound Bluebonnet Boulevard at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge construction.
- Northbound Siegen Lane at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge construction.
- Southbound Siegen Lane at the I-10 overpass will reduce to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge construction.

These closures will allow vehicles 11' wide or smaller to pass through the construction zones. The road is open for regular traffic, but oversize vehicles traveling westbound 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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