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I-12 Eastbound and Westbound Traffic Lanes to Shift *Traffic to Temporarily Shift Between O'Neal Lane and Amite River Bridge*

Baton Rouge— Weather permitting, the traffic lanes on I-12 eastbound and westbound between O'Neal Lane and the Amite River Bridge will be shifted on Thursday, December 29 beginning at 8 p.m. Motorists can expect to shift to the newly completed inner lanes of the interstate. This configuration will remain in place until mid 2012. The shifts are necessary for crews to complete construction on the outer sections of the roadways and the O'Neal Lane bridge.

Also on Thursday, December 29, the following ramps and lanes will be closed between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. so crews can shift the lanes of the interstate:

- The O'Neal Lane off-ramp (Exit 7) from I-12 westbound
- The O'Neal Lane on-ramp to I-12 eastbound
- Alternating right and left lane closures on I-12 eastbound and westbound between Millerville Road and Range Avenue

To detour the closed ramps, eastbound motorists may exit I-12 at Millerville Road (Exit 6) and travel north to Old Hammond Highway. Turn right on Old Hammond Highway and travel east to Florida Boulevard. Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right on Juban Road and travel south to reconnect with I-12.

Westbound motorists may exit I-12 at Juban Road (Exit 12) and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn left on Florida Boulevard and travel west to Old Hammond Highway. Turn left on Old Hammond Highway and travel west to Millerville Road. Turn left on Millerville Road and travel south to reconnect with I-12.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution in construction zones and to obey all posted speed limits.

Media members who need access to the interstate work zones to obtain photos or video must first contact the Geaux Wider team at (225) 906-1448. For safety reasons, no unscheduled or unaccompanied visits are permitted.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates the patience of drivers during this construction program. Everyone is reminded to exercise caution, and to obey the lower posted speed limits and other warning signs in the work zones.

The 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 are being 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 eastbound, from the O'Neal Lane interchange to Pete's Highway and Interstate 12 westbound, from the 4-H Club Road overpass to O'Neal Lane.
- Interstate 12 eastbound, from Pete's Highway to Juban Road and Interstate 12 westbound, from Juban Road to the 4-H Club Road overpass.
- Interstate 12, from Juban Road to Walker South Road/LA 447.

The completion date for the entire program is tentatively scheduled for 2013. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LADOTD (3683) or visit www.GeauxWider.com.

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