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Night Closures for Eastbound I-12 and entrance ramp at O'Neal Lane

Lane will close for repair work

Baton Rouge – Nighttime work will close the eastbound Interstate 12 entrance ramp at O'Neal Lane and the right eastbound lane on I-12 from O'Neal Lane to the Amite River Bridge. This closure will occur tonight, Feb. 1, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. The work is weather-dependent and could be extended if weather conditions require.

The speed limit is reduced to 50 mph through the construction zone and motorists should exercise extreme caution and obey all warning signs. Oversized vehicles/loads are not permitted to travel through this construction area without proper permits and escorts due to narrowed lanes.

Motorists wanting to take an alternate route can travel north on O'Neal to Florida Boulevard. Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel to 4-H Club Road. Turn right on 4-H Club Road and turn left on Rushing Road. Travel approximately 1.5 miles and re-intersect with I-12. Motorists wanting to enter I-12 eastbound at O'Neal can travel west to Millerville Road and enter I-12 eastbound.

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.

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