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O'Neal Lane Ramp Meter Activation Tuesday, Sept. 14

Remote monitoring by traffic management center

Baton Rouge, La. – The sixth of 16 ramp meters to be installed along Interstate 12 is scheduled to be activated Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the O'Neal Lane on-ramp to westbound I-12.

When approaching the ramp meter signal, drivers should pull to the stop bar. The meters will stop vehicles for no more than 4 seconds before allowing one car at a time to progress forward. This ramp meter will only operate during the morning commute hours. If the meters are not on, drivers can proceed through the on-ramp without stopping at the meters.

The meters allow drivers to access the interstate in safe, orderly and evenly-spaced fashion, sometimes described as a "zipper effect."

All ramp meters are also remotely monitored and under the control of the DOTD's Traffic Management Center. This allows TMC staff to make adjustments more efficiently.

Most recently, the Millerville Road ramp meter to westbound I-12 was activated on Aug. 31. Other ramp meters are at Essen Lane, Airline Highway and Sherwood Forest Blvd.

After O'Neal Lane, Juban Road and Walker/LA447 on-ramps to westbound I-12 will be activated by the end of September. Once all the westbound ramp meters are activated, crews will begin installing eastbound ramp meters, with the first occurring at Millerville Road in early October. The ramp meters will operate exclusively during peak travel times, 6-10 a.m. for westbound on-ramps and 2-7 p.m. for eastbound on-ramps, and during special events or incidents.

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