



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2011

Fewer Crashes, Better Travel Times With I-12 Ramp Meters

*Data collected by DOTD shows benefits of intelligent
transportation system*

Baton Rouge, La. – The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announced today that there have been 12 percent fewer crashes and travel times have improved by 17 percent since ramp meters were installed along the Interstate 12 corridor.

“Overall, we see a noticeable improvement,” said DOTD Secretary Sherri H. LeBas, P.E. “We embraced this new traffic management system because building new roads or widening current roads is only one way to address the needs of the traveling public.”

The ramp meters along I-12 were installed beginning in June 2010, and 14 of the 16 ramp meters are in place. The last two, at the O’Neal and Range on-ramps to I-12 eastbound, will be installed once the I-12 widening projects are complete.

The ramp meters are currently active on I-12 westbound between 6 and 10 a.m. for the morning commute, and on I-12 eastbound between 2 and 7 p.m. for the evening commute. The meters are also activated for special events or incidents that cause increases in traffic.

More data can be gathered once the last two meters are installed and after completion of construction projects on the interstate and side roads.

DOTD will continue to monitor the meters and make adjustments as necessary.

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, from the O'Neal Lane interchange to Pete's Highway.
- Interstate 12 eastbound, from Pete's Highway to Juban Road.

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, and on Facebook and Twitter.

###