

Ramp Meters Coming to an I-12 On-Ramp Near You - Reduces Congestion and Improves Safety -



Ramp meters will soon be installed at 16 on-ramps along Interstate 12 between the Essen Lane and Walker/LA 447 interchanges. Once turned on, the ramp meter signals will stop vehicles for no longer than four seconds on the on-ramp and allow drivers to access the interstate in an orderly and evenly-spaced fashion, sometimes described as a zipper effect. If the ramp meter is turned off, drivers should proceed without stopping.

The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is embracing new traffic management systems such as ramp

meters because building new roads or widening current roads is only one way to address the needs of the traveling public.

Installation work starts mid-May at Airline Highway eastbound and westbound, Jefferson Highway eastbound, and Essen Lane westbound.

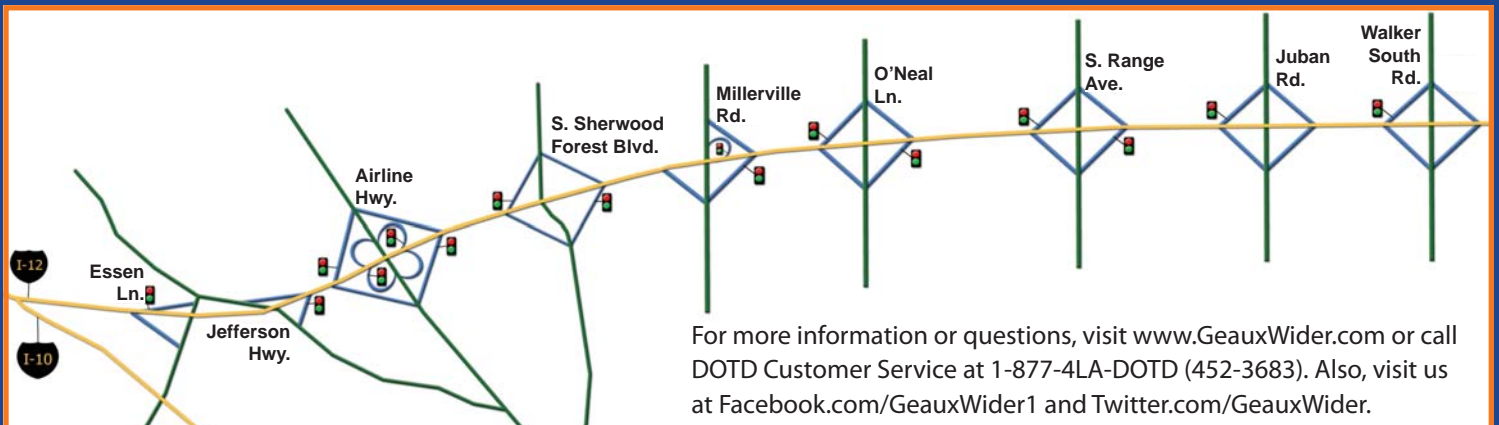
Ramp Meter Facts

- Operate only during peak travel times
 - 6-10 a.m. westbound and 2-7 p.m. eastbound
 - During special events and incidents
- Continually monitored by DOTD staff
- Reduce congestion
- Provide safer merging
- Improve travel time reliability
- Complement current I-12 widening projects

"The ramp meter system combined with the widening projects on I-12 will result in a reduction of travel times by more than 30 minutes for some commuters."

... DOTD Interim Secretary Sherri LeBas

Ramp Meter Locations Along I-12



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What Drivers Can Expect

- Mid-May - begin electrical work
- May - begin mast arm and pole installation
- Prior to activation, the ramp meters will be covered and Variable Message Signs (VMS) notify motorists of the upcoming change
- May or June - first ramp meter activated at Essen Lane westbound on-ramp
- Through 2010 - installation work continues at all locations



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