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Range Avenue Ramp Meter Activation Monday, Nov. 22

Remote monitoring by traffic management center

Baton Rouge, La. – The Range Avenue ramp meter at the on-ramp to westbound I-12 will be activated Monday, Nov. 22 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Range Avenue has a three-lane on-ramp to I-12, meaning three ramp meter signals will alternately pause vehicles prior to allowing access to the interstate.

When approaching the ramp meter signals, drivers should fill all three lanes and pull to the stop bars. 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 weekday commute hours. If the meters are not on, drivers can proceed through the on-ramp without stopping at the meters.

All ramp meters are also remotely monitored and under the control of DOTD's Traffic Management Center. So, for example, if the on-ramps begin to back up, the meters can be turned off for a short period of time to allow vehicles to clear out.

Other ramp meters that have been activated are at Walker/LA 447 Road, Juban Lane, O'Neal Lane, Essen Lane, Airline Highway, Sherwood Forest Blvd. and Millerville Road. Following Range, eastbound ramp meters are scheduled for activation in December at Sherwood Forest, Airline Highway and Jefferson Highway.

To date, observations by DOTD staff and consultant engineers indicate that average interstate speeds in the corridor have increased by as much as 10 mph, there is less stop and go on the interstates and few minor crashes have been reported.

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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