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Range Avenue On-Ramp to I-12 Westbound to be Reconfigured

Baton Rouge— Weather permitting, the Range Avenue on-ramp to I-12 westbound will be reconfigured slightly this week. On Tuesday, November 8, the Range Avenue on-ramp to I-12 westbound will be closed between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. so crews can install temporary barriers and pavement markings. Upon reopening, the Range Avenue ramp will merge onto I-12 westbound about 500 feet to the east of the present merging point. This configuration will remain in place for approximately two months.

To detour the ramp closure, motorists on Range Avenue may travel north to Florida Boulevard. Then, turn left on Florida Boulevard and travel west to Old Hammond Highway. Turn left on Old Hammond Highway and travel west to O'Neal Lane, where a left turn allows drivers to travel south and reconnect with I-12 westbound.

Motorists are urged to use extreme caution in construction zones and to obey all posted speed limits.

Media members who need access to the interstate work zones to obtain photos or video must first contact the Geaux Wider team at (225) 906-1448. For safety reasons, no unscheduled or unaccompanied visits are permitted.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates the patience of drivers during this construction program. Everyone is reminded to exercise caution, and to obey the lower posted speed limits and other warning signs in the work zones.

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.

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