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Nightly I-12 Lane Closures along Amite River Bridges on Friday and Saturday
Eastbound right lane will close for construction work

Baton Rouge, La.—The eastbound right lane of Interstate 12 will close at night through the entire length of the Amite River Bridge structures on Friday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 15, for crews to drive sheet piling. This also will include the Relief Bridge. These closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. to minimize traffic impacts.

The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph through the construction zone and motorists should exercise extreme caution and obey all warning signs.

Motorists wanting to take an alternate travel route can exit at O'Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn right on Florida Boulevard and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right on Juban Road and travel south to I-12.

The I-12 widening project is scheduled to finish before the 2011 Thanksgiving holiday. The project is funded with \$100 million in surplus funds provided by Gov. Bobby Jindal and the Louisiana Legislature during the 2008 session.

The project will widen I-12 from two lanes to three lanes eastbound from the west side of the O'Neal Lane overpass to just east of Pete's Highway and westbound from just west of 4-H Club Road to the west side of the O'Neal Lane overpass.

Included in the widening will be a 12-foot inside and outside shoulders and a complete replacement of the eastbound and westbound bridges over the Amite River.

For more information on this project, call Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (452-3683) or visit www.I12widening.org.

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