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Southbound Siegen Lane at I-10 reducing to two travel lanes for three months

Baton Rouge—Southbound Siegen Lane at the I-10 overpass will reduce to two travel lanes and one left-turn lane for I-10 eastbound beginning Friday, March 12, to allow for bridge construction. *This will be a standing closure that is scheduled to last for three months.* Construction workers will block the current eastbound I-10 left-turn lane and convert the left travel lane into the new left-turn lane.

In addition, there are other scheduled lane closures associated with the I-10 widening project for next week. The following closures are scheduled for Sun., March 14 and Mon., March 15, weather permitting:

- Westbound I-10 from Bluebonnet Boulevard to the I-10/12 split will reduce to one lane for embankment and bridge work from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Both directions of Siegen Lane will reduce to one lane under the I-10 overpass from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

These closures will allow vehicles 11-feet wide or smaller to pass through the construction zones. The road is open for regular traffic, but oversize vehicles must detour using U.S. 61 (Airline Highway) at the Sorrento exit and travel north the Interstate 12, travel west on I-12 and reconnect with I-10 in Baton Rouge.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates your patience and encourages drivers to exercise caution and obey all warning signs through the construction area. Please be aware of all construction workers and equipment.

The Louisiana DOTD 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 will be 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.

Construction is underway now with the completion date for the entire program estimated for late 2012. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683) or visit www.geauxwider.com.

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