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Walker Road Ramp Meter Activation Tuesday, Sept. 28

Baton Rouge, La. – The eighth of 16 ramp meters to be installed along Interstate 12 is scheduled to be activated Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Walker Road/LA 447 on-ramp to westbound I-12.

When approaching the ramp meter signal, drivers should pull to the stop bar. The meters will stop vehicles for a few seconds before allowing one car at a time to progress forward. This ramp meter will only operate during the morning commute hours. If the meters are not on, drivers can proceed through the on-ramp without stopping at the meters.

The meters allow drivers to access the interstate in safe, orderly and evenly-spaced fashion, sometimes described as a "zipper effect."

All ramp meters are also remotely monitored and under the control of the DOTD's Traffic Management Center. This allows TMC staff to make adjustments more efficiently.

Most recently, the Juban Road ramp meter to westbound I-12 was activated Sept. 21. Other ramp meters are at Essen Lane, Airline Highway, Sherwood Forest Blvd., Millerville Road and O'Neal Lane.

After Walker/447, ramp meter crews will then begin installing eastbound ramp meters, with the first occurring at Millerville Road in early October, followed by Sherwood Forest Blvd., Airline and Jefferson. The Range Avenue ramp meter to westbound I-12 will be installed in November.

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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