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**Advisory Team Meetings Address Huey P. Long  
Continuous Lane Closure**

NEW ORLEANS – The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project public outreach office will hold its Community and Business Advisory Team meetings this week. Both meetings will be open to the public. The meetings will give residents more information about upcoming lane closures, which will begin Jan. 17.

“On Jan. 17, there will be a complete closure of the eastbound bridge from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,” said Spokeswoman Meghan Legaux. “At this time, we will install the steel temporary barrier. When the eastbound bridge re-opens that evening, the right lane will continue to be closed around the clock for about 30 days. ”

The right eastbound lane of the bridge will be closed 24 hours a day, seven days a week beginning at 6 p.m. on Jan. 17. The eastbound closure will be in effect for approximately 30 days. Once the work is complete, the closure will shift to the right westbound lane for approximately 30 days. The entire closure will last for a maximum of 60 days. After both spans are complete, the bridge will re-open to its previous configuration of two lanes with intermittent closures throughout the day.

“The closure will likely cause traffic and frustration among commuters,” said

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Legaux. "But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The contractor, Massman Construction Co., Traylor Bros., Inc., and IHI, Inc. (MTI), has done everything possible to minimize the impact on the public and will work to re-open the lanes as quickly and safely as possible."

The Huey P. Long Business Advisory Team (HPL BAT) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001.

The Huey P. Long Community Advisory Team (HPL CAT) meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 from 7-8 p.m. at the Bridge City Fire Station, 2220 Bridge City Ave., Bridge City, LA 70094.

The public can also access project information, including lane closures and traffic impacts, by calling the public outreach number (504) 731-4200 or by visiting the bridge widening project website [www.hueypbridge.com](http://www.hueypbridge.com). In addition, project staff is available to answer questions at the public outreach office located in the Joseph S. Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Suite 311 during office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The completed Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project will include three 11-foot lanes in each direction, along with new inside and outside shoulders across the bridge. The project also will include construction of new roadway approaches that will provide signalized intersections at Bridge City Avenue and Jefferson Highway. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by 2013.

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