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**UPDATE:**

**Huey P. Long Bridge Span Lift Completed**  
**Bridge Opens to Traffic**

JEFFERSON, La. –The “Big Lift” that began yesterday morning on the Huey P. Long Bridge has been completed. The steel structure has been secured with the necessary support beams. Traffic is now open on the bridge as the 48-hr bridge closure ended 9 hours ahead of scheduled. Tomorrow, the stability frames will be lowered and the installation of secondary members will continue.

“The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project is part of a \$1.5 billion TIMED investment into the New Orleans area that included West Napoleon Avenue, the West Bank Expressway, Tchoupitoulas Street, Earhart Boulevard along with improvements to the Port of New Orleans and Louis Armstrong International Airport,” said Interim Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Sherri LeBas. “Transportation projects create jobs, generate enthusiasm and promote economic development.”

The contractor expects to set the pre-assembled segment in place by the end of today. Tomorrow, workers will tie the steel cross members and fasten bolts to secure the new section to the existing structure completing the process.



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DOTD encourages the public to follow up-to-date information about the Big Lift on the Huey P. Long Twitter page at [www.twitter.com/hueypbridge](http://www.twitter.com/hueypbridge) and on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/HPLFB>.

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