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**UPDATE:**

**Huey P. Long Bridge Span Lift**

JEFFERSON, La. –The “Big Lift” that began this morning on the Huey P. Long Bridge continues to make progress. As of 2 p.m., the span was about 110 feet above the Mississippi River almost to the 135-foot final height.

“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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The 48-hour closure of the Huey P. Long Bridge will remain in effect t till 5 a.m. Monday, June 21.

Motorists are advised to take alternate routes, including the Crescent City Connection and Interstate 310.

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>. Those who wish to watch the Big Lift can do so by accessing two web cameras available on the project web site at <http://bit.ly/HPLWebCams>.

For more information or high-resolution images, contact Indira Parrales, Public Outreach Office at 504-731-4200 or Jodi Conachen, DOTD Communications Director, (225) 379-1275.

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