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**Portion of LA 1 to shift onto new Audubon Bridge approach roadway**

Major Parkway intersection with LA 1 to close for a month

**New Roads, La** – The portion of LA 1 through the Audubon Bridge project will shift to new approach roadways Tuesday morning, Aug. 17. Motorists traveling in both directions will veer off the current track of LA 1 to a two-way stop. When traveling from the Morganza Spillway, turning right at the intersection will continue on LA 1. When traveling from New Roads, turning left at the intersection will continue on LA 1. The existing portion of LA 1 between the two newly constructed roadways will be removed.

This roadwork also will cause the intersection of Major Parkway and LA 1 to temporarily close for approximately a month, weather permitting. New roadway for Major Parkway and a new intersection with LA 1 currently is under construction and will open once completed.

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.

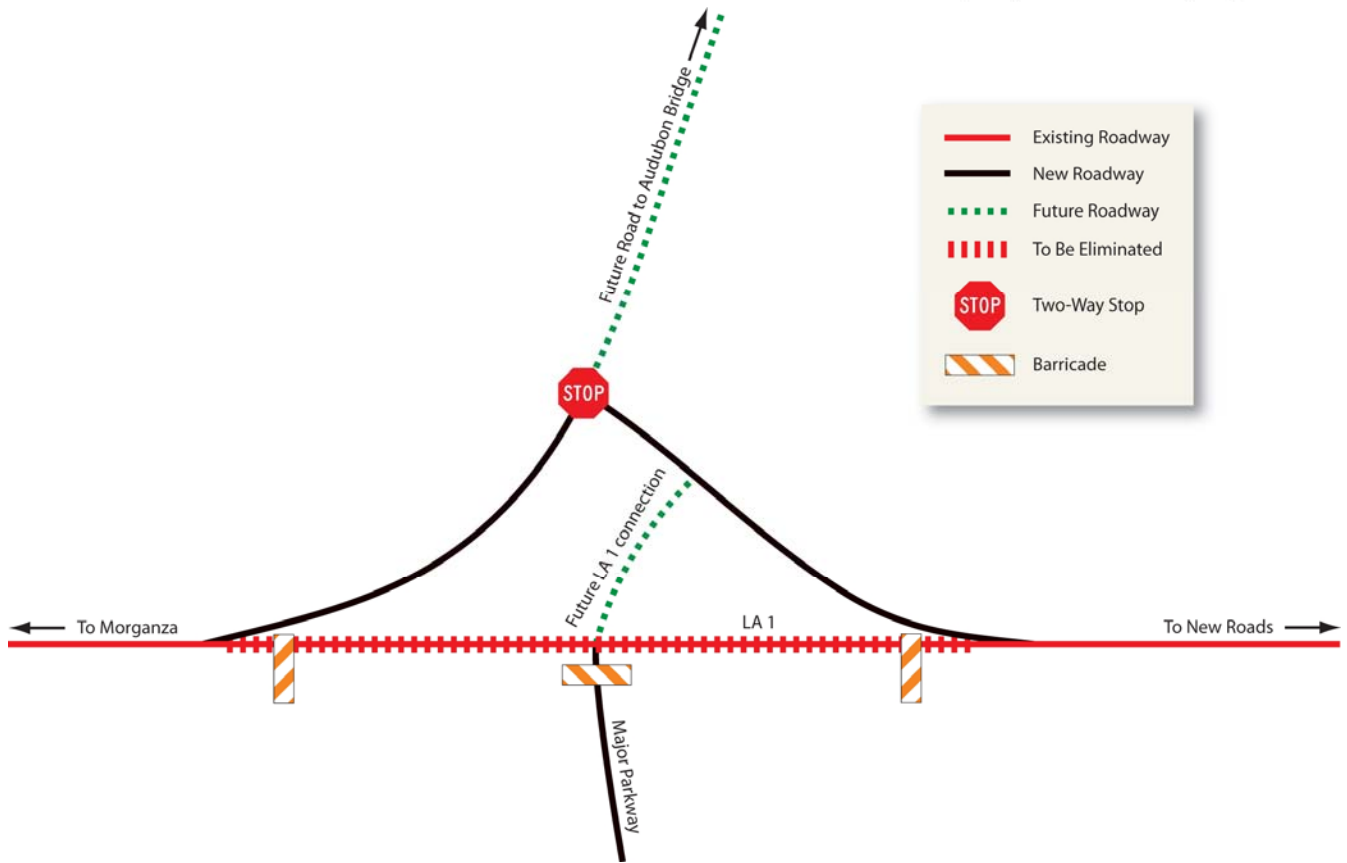
The John James Audubon Bridge project is a new Mississippi River crossing between Pointe Coupee and West Feliciana parishes in south central Louisiana. The bridge--proposed to be the longest cable-stayed bridge in North America--will replace an existing ferry between the communities of New Roads and St. Francisville. The bridge also will serve as the only bridge structure on the Mississippi River between Natchez, Mississippi and Baton Rouge, Louisiana (approximately 90 river miles).

The Bridge is part of The TIMED Program, the single largest transportation program in state history. The Program is designed to enhance economic development in Louisiana through an investment in transportation projects and is funded by a dedicated \$0.04 per gallon gasoline and motor fuels tax. It was created by Act 16 of the 1989 Louisiana Legislature and was approved by a vote of the people. For more information, please visit [www.timedla.com](http://www.timedla.com).



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