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**Major Parkway Reopens**  
*New Intersection with LA 1*

**New Roads, LA** – The new intersection of Major Parkway at LA 1 was opened today, Nov. 15. This area has been closed since August while crews removed the old intersection. The intersection relocation was necessary because LA 1 was shifted to the new approach roadways for the John James Audubon Bridge (JJA), and the old LA 1 roadway was removed.

The new section of Major Parkway will now connect with the currently under-construction new approaches to the JJA.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's (DOTD) 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 the Western Hemisphere --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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