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MEDIA ALERT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY
No Lane Closures Schedule During Mardi Gras Holiday

ELMWOOD, La. – There will be no lane restrictions or closures scheduled on the Huey P. Long Bridge during the Mardi Gras Holiday. Both traffic lanes will remain open on both sides of the bridge from Saturday, February 13 through Tuesday, February 16. Regular lane restrictions will resume on Wednesday, February 17 at 9 a.m.

The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project is a TIMED (Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development) Program project. The TIMED Program was created by Act 16 of the 1989 Louisiana Legislature, was voted for by the people and is the single largest transportation program in state history. The \$5.2 billion improvement program includes widening 536 miles of state highways, new construction or improvements to three major bridges projects and the improvements to both the Port of New Orleans and the Louis Armstrong International Airport. The Program is designed to enhance economic development in Louisiana through an investment in transportation projects.

As one of 16 TIMED projects, 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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