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**Concrete Pour Set for New, Wider Lanes on Huey P Long Bridge;
48-Hour Weekend Closure Nov. 12 and 13**

JEFFERSON, La. – The Huey P Long Bridge will close for 48-hours all day Sat., Nov. 12 and Sun., Nov. 13. The closure will begin at 12 am (midnight) Friday night/Saturday morning and last through 12 am (midnight) Sunday night/Monday morning. It is necessary to pour concrete for the new, wider lanes on the bridge.

The completed Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project will include three 11-foot lanes in each direction featuring eight-foot outside and two-foot inside shoulders. The total width of the lanes will more than double from the current 18-foot wide driving surface to a 43-foot wide driving surface.

The project also includes construction of new elevated bridge approaches and ramps. Additionally, new intersections with traffic signals at Bridge City Avenue and Jefferson Highway are being constructed. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2013.

For more information go to www.hueypbridge.com or follow the project on Facebook and Twitter.

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The \$1.2 billion Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project is one of 16 projects in the \$4.6 billion Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) Program, managed by Louisiana TIMED Managers (LTM), a joint venture of GEC Inc., Parsons-Brinckerhoff Inc., and THE



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LPA GROUP INCORPORATED. It is the single largest transportation program in Louisiana history and is designed to enhance economic development and improve evacuation routes and safety through an investment in infrastructure.

The program 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. Projects include widening 536 miles of state highways, new construction or improvements to three major bridges and the improvements to both the Port of New Orleans and the Louis Armstrong International Airport.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is committed to delivering transportation and public works systems that enhance the quality of life. In addition to more than 16,600 miles of roadway, including over 890 miles of interstate, DOTD supports the development of the state's aviation, marine and rail infrastructures. Through this work, we are able to facilitate economic development, create job opportunities, improve vital evacuation routes, and make critical freight corridors safer and more efficient.

For more information, please visit www.dotd.la.gov, email dotdcs@la.gov, or call DOTD's Customer Service Center at (225) 379-1232 or 1-877-4LADOTD (1-877-452-3683). Business hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Motorists can access up-to-date travel information by dialing 511 or by visiting www.511la.org. Out-of state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511).