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TRAFFIC ADVISORY:
Full Closures On
Huey P. Long Bridge Saturday, Oct. 29

JEFFERSON, La. – The westbound lanes of the Huey P. Long Bridge will be closed from 5 am to noon, Saturday, Oct. 29. There will be no overnight closures Friday, Oct. 28. The night closures will start again Saturday night in the westbound lanes at 10 pm.

There are typically night closures on the bridge Monday night through Sunday morning each week. The westbound lanes close from 10 pm to 1:30 am and the eastbound lanes close from 1:30 am to 5 am.

The closures are necessary as part of the construction of the new lanes on the bridge. Emergency vehicles will be able to use the bridge during the closures. Motorists can use the Crescent City Connection or Interstate 310 as alternate river crossings.

For more information visit 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., PB Americas Inc., and THE 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 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. For more information, contact Shane Peck at 504-731-4200 or visit www.hueypbridge.com.

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).