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MEDIA ALERT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY
One-Hour Westbound Closure Canceled

ELMWOOD, La. – The one-hour closure scheduled today at 2 p.m. on the westbound side of the bridge has been canceled. Earlier, the contractor was able to install the steel beams without the need for a one-hour closure. To get the most up-to-date bridge status information, motorist can call (504) 731-4200, reschedule go to www.hueypbridge.com or check out the Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project's Twitter page.

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



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intersections at Bridge City Avenue and Jefferson Highway. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by 2013.

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