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**MEDIA ALERT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY**  
**Periodic Bridge Closures on the Huey P. Long Bridge Begin Monday**

ELMWOOD, La. – Starting Monday, November 9, periodic bridge closures are slated to occur between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The closures are scheduled to last from 15 minutes to one hour and are necessary as the steel installation of the new truss additions continues. Motorists are advised to take alternate routes like Crescent City Connection and I-310.

Because bridge closures will occur at non-specified times during the day, motorists can access the most up-to-date information by doing one or a combination of the following.

- **Calling phone line.** The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project’s automated phone line will go live between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The phone number is (504) 731-4200.
- **Visiting website.** For easy reference, the status of the bridge will be posted on the homepage of the Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project - [www.hueypbridge.com](http://www.hueypbridge.com).
- **Becoming a Huey P. Long Bridge Twitter follower.** Since tweets can be received either by computer or cell phone, tweets will be a great option for people on-the-go. You can follow the Huey P. Long Bridge Project at [www.twitter.com/hueypbridge](http://www.twitter.com/hueypbridge) or simply follow the link located on the homepage at [www.hueypbridge.com](http://www.hueypbridge.com).

“A major challenge is coordinating construction efforts to minimize the effect on the public and the traffic that traverses the river” explains Tim Todd, Project Engineer for Louisiana TIMED Managers.



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“Although an inconvenience to motorists, the closures are necessary for the continuation and completion of the project” explains Indira Parrales, Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project spokesperson. “The contractor, aware of the high volume of traffic on the bridge, has been doing a great job at keeping traffic impacts to a minimum by scheduling closures only when they are absolutely necessary. This will continue through this phase of construction” adds Parrales.

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.

For more information, contact Indira Parrales, Public Outreach Office at 504-731-4200 or visit [www.hueypbridge.com](http://www.hueypbridge.com).

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