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**TRAFFIC ADVISORY:**

**No Full Closures on Huey P. Long Bridge**  
**After 5 am on Oct. 15 or All Day on Oct. 16**

JEFFERSON, La. – There will be no full closures of the Huey P Long Bridge after 5 am on Oct. 15 or all day on Oct. 16 in anticipation of additional traffic for the Gumbo Festival in Bridge City. There will be a left lane closure only in the eastbound direction from 7 am to 5 pm on October 15.

Closures will resume on the bridge at 10 pm on October 17. Night closures typically take place 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. For more information visit [www.hueypbridge.com](http://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.



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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](http://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](http://www.dotd.la.gov), email [dotdcs@la.gov](mailto: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](http://www.511la.org). Out-of state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511).