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MEDIA ALERT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY
Both West Bank-Bound Lanes to Close Saturday

ELMWOOD, La. – Both West Bank-bound lanes on the Huey P. Long Bridge will close on Saturday, November 21 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The closure is necessary to perform pile driving operations on the West Bank-bound side of the bridge. Alternate routes during the closure are Crescent City Connection and I-310. Please be advised, the closure is subject to change due to weather conditions.

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.



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