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MEDIA ALERT: TRAFFIC ADVISORY
No Oversized Loads Allowed on the Huey P. Long Bridge

ELMWOOD, La. – The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening project announced today that a formal reminder in regards to wide load restrictions on the bridge was needed. Earlier this week a motorist with a wide load damaged two construction vehicles parked inside the closed area of the bridge. The motorist was stopped by Causeway Police and cited for lack of permit and careless operation of a vehicle.

“Our major concern is the safety of our workforce and members of the traveling public”, confirms Tim Todd, Project Engineer with Louisiana TIMED Managers. In the construction contract with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, “no oversized or wide loads are permitted on the bridge”, explains Todd. The “presence of such loads” he adds, “causes a real danger to the workforce working in and adjacent to the closed lane.”

It is important to be aware of the current restrictions on the bridge. Disregarding them can cause significant safety concerns and traffic impacts. For current restrictions please call the Huey P. Long Bridge Public Outreach Office at (504) 731-4200 or visit the project Web site at www.hueypbridge.com.

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



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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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