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**DOTD reminds motorists to use the 511 Traveler Information System
for road closure information**

Baton Rouge, La. - The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) reminds citizens they can get the latest updates on real-time traffic and road conditions by using the 511 Traveler Information System.

"Our 511 Traveler Information System is an important tool for motorists, providing up-to-date information regarding road closures and travel conditions throughout the state," said DOTD Secretary Sherri H. LeBas, P.E. "Knowing road conditions before leaving home can help motorists make critical decisions about their route."

The voice-activated 511 Traveler Information Service is available to most wireless and landline telephone users. The service allows callers to access up-to-date information about weather-related road conditions, construction activities and other critical incidents simply by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region about which they are seeking information. Out of-state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511). Travelers can also access information by visiting the 511 Traveler Information Web site at www.511la.org.

During severe weather conditions, motorists should drive slowly and carefully, avoid driving while distracted, and avoid driving through standing water. Always allow for extra driving time, reduce speeds when visibility is low, and make sure there is plenty of room between vehicles. As always, DOTD reminds motorists to buckle up and refrain from drinking and driving.

Motorists can also obtain information regarding road closures by contacting DOTD's Customer Service Center at dotdcs@la.gov, 1-877-4LA-DOTD (1-877-452-3683) or (225) 379-1232. Business hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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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.

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