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## PRESS RELEASE

To: Media Representatives  
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Re: Roadway Projects in Central

The information below was distributed to council members at the city council meeting on December 13, 2011. This information includes updates and timetables on roadway projects in Central.

### 1. Central Thruway

The pavement contracts from S. Choctaw to Frenchtown Rd and from Frenchtown Rd to south of Greenwell Springs Rd are underway. These two projects will complete the final pavement phases. The last phase of the entire project is the Central Thruway/Greenwell Springs Rd intersection work. This project is scheduled for bid opening on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. This will involve the intersection work and roadway work north to near Lovett Rd. It also involves replacing the bridge on Greenwell Springs Rd over Beaver Bayou. The contract allows for 400 calendar days to complete the work. Work is anticipated to start around April or May 2012 and be completed around June 2013.

### 2. Sullivan Rd widening (Central Thruway to Huntley Place)

This project is under the jurisdiction of East Baton Rouge Parish DPW. Final plans are currently being reviewed. This project is scheduled to be advertised for bids in February 2012 with bid openings in March 2012. Work should begin around July 2012 with an estimated 30 month construction schedule. The project should be completed in late 2014 or early 2015.

### 3. Sullivan Rd – Segment 2 (Huntley Place to Hooper Rd, including the Hooper-Sullivan intersection)

This project will be under the jurisdiction of the city of Central and DOTD. Roadway plans are currently at 88% completion and on HOLD pending execution of the contracts for splitting the Hooper-Sullivan project into separate submittals. The city of Central city council approved splitting the project into separate submittals in September 2012 and approved funding for the final maps to be completed. The city of Central has paid the engineering and design costs for this project to help speed up the process. Once the new contracts with the consultant (PEC) are in place, the HOLD can be released. AT&T is currently performing locations on their services. Base Right-of-Way maps have been provided by the consultant and are currently being reviewed by DOTD. It is anticipated that the remaining roadway plans can be completed by March 2012. Once all plans are complete and reviewed by DOTD, then DOTD can proceed with appraisals and being right of way acquisitions. This process is expected to take up to 18 months. Based upon this schedule, this widening project could be let out for bids in mid to late 2013.

#### 4. Hooper Rd widening (Joor to Sullivan)

This project will be under the jurisdiction of East Baton Rouge Parish DPW. Roadway plans are at 88% complete and on HOLD pending execution of the contracts for splitting the Hooper-Sullivan project into separate submittals. The city of Central city council approved splitting the project into separate submittals in September 2012 and approved funding for the final maps to be completed. The city of Central has paid the engineering and design costs for this project to help speed up the process. The consultant (PEC) is providing Final Plans for the sewer system on Hooper from Joor to Sullivan. However, these sewer plans are to be submitted to the Green Light Plan program as a separate package because the sewer design for Hooper is under a separate contract with EBR Parish. Base Right-of-Way maps for this portion have not been provided to date. These can move forward as soon as the Roadway Plans have been released from HOLD. This project is not fully funded and will be placed on the Green Light Plan schedule as funds become available in the future.