

DOTD announces priority routes for south Louisiana during Hurricane Isaac

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**Baton Rouge, La. - As forecasted weather conditions may result in state road and bridge closures
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**throughout south Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has
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**developed a list of priority routes which they will strive to maintain. The list can be viewed here:
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**<http://www.dotd.la.gov/pressreleases/release.aspx?key=2048>.
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**“It is imperative that citizens prepare for hurricane conditions,” said DOTD Secretary Sherri H. LeBas. “Our
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**hope is that this list of roads we’ve identified and closure information will help them to do just that.”
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**DOTD will do everything possible to keep Louisiana’s highways and interstate system open in the event of
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**inclement weather, but we must prioritize maintaining and re-opening roadways based on traffic volumes.
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**The priority routes will be the first to be maintained and kept open where possible as a result of the
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**predicted weather.
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**DOTD will continue to monitor the roadways, and work forces will be on standby to assist in post-hurricane
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**debris removal and signal repairs.
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**DOTD urges motorists to use extra caution when traveling on roadways during hazardous weather
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**conditions and stay off the roads whenever possible. Motorists should drive slowly and carefully, and avoid
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**driving while distracted. Always allow for extra driving time, reduce speeds when visibility is low, and make
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