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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**LADOTD Announces Project Updates for LA 20 Widening and Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement, in St. James and Lafourche Parishes**

**LAFOURCHE PARISH AND ST. JAMES PARISH** – LADOTD has provided a project update for the Bayou Chevreuil Bridge and the LA 20 widening project in Lafourche and St. James Parishes. These two projects are major infrastructure investments for the local community making this stretch of the highway safer for all motorists.

The Bayou Chevreuil Bridge portion of the project continues as crews have recently poured the south approach slab to the bridge. Over the next few weeks, crews will begin installing guardrails and striping when complete an inspection and inventory of the bridge will be conducted by DOTD. Also road tie-ins are anticipated to begin in the next 2-3 weeks. The new bridge is scheduled to open in phases by mid-March weather permitting. When the traffic is fully moved onto the new bridge, the temporary bridge will be removed. The current estimated completion date for this project is early summer 2025.

The LA 20 Widening portion of this project is progressing. Contractors are currently installing the stone base for the widening section from South Vacherie to the Bayou Chevreuil Bridge. Once complete with the stone installation, asphalt will be laid to widen this section and bring it to grade. Contractors will also begin working on the flat bridge at the St. James/Lafourche Parish line, this part of the project includes driving piles and widening the bridge towards the swamp side. Once this phase is complete, vehicles will be diverted to the new bridge while the existing bridge is removed and replaced. Current construction work is expected to continue through 2025.

DOTD reports that later this year and into 2026, crews will work to extend to the section between the Bayou Chevreuil Bridge and the Lafourche end of the project. Stones will be placed followed by asphalt for further widening. The entire widening project construction is currently estimated to be completed in summer 2026.

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