

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### Holiday Travel

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Secretary, Sherri LeBas, announced today that all oversize and overweight vehicle movement on all State highways will be prohibited in selected areas (i.e., New Orleans, Lafayette, Houma, and New Roads) on Saturday, February, 18 through Tuesday, February, 21, 2012 in observance of the Mardi Gras season.

1. Parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard (including the Interstates)
2. Within the city limits of Lafayette, with the exception of I-10
3. Within the city limits and surrounding area of New Roads
4. Within the city limits and surrounding area of Houma
5. Within the city limits and surrounding area of Lake Charles, with the exception of I-10 and I-210

LeBas said the decision was made in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police, to provide maximum safety for motorists traveling on State highways during this season.

The Truck Permit Office will remain open Monday, February 20, and Tuesday, February 21, for the issuance of Permits outside of the designated areas.