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Phase 2 of LA 1 Improvement Project Closer to Reality with Funding from Federal Appropriations Bill

(Golden Meadow, Louisiana) The LA 1 Coalition today applauded the Louisiana Congressional delegation for their efforts in securing over \$900,000 for the LA 1 Improvement Project in a 2010 federal appropriations bill signed by President Obama on December 16. The \$974,000 awarded to the project will be used to advance construction of Phase 2, a proposed 8.3-mile two-lane elevated highway between Golden Meadow and the new Tomey Doucet Bridge in Leeville.

"I am grateful for the continued efforts of Senators Landrieu and Vitter and Congressman Melancon to keep our project needs on the federal radar screen," says LA 1 Coalition Executive Director Henri Boulet. "In these budgetary times, it is increasingly difficult for our delegation to direct funding for critical projects like LA 1. Their dedication to moving this project forward is again represented by the nearly \$1 million of funding included within the Department of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Act for Fiscal Year 2010."

In July, a new fixed-level bridge over Bayou Lafourche in Leeville was opened to traffic, representing the first completed component of Phase 1 of the LA 1 Improvement Project. A 6.3-mile elevated highway from the Tomey Doucet Bridge south to Port Fourchon is on schedule for completion in the summer of 2011. Pre-construction geotechnical field investigation and engineering, and rights-of-way acquisitions and relocations are now underway for Phase 2 of the project from the Tomey Doucet Bridge north to LA 3235 courtesy of local, state and federal allocations to date. It is estimated that approximately \$300 million is needed for Phase 2, and the 2010 federal appropriations recently approved by President Obama is another example of the LA 1 Coalition's diligent effort to identify and secure federal funding sources to advance construction of this phase.

The LA 1 Coalition is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation working for highway improvements from U.S. Highway 90 to the coast in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, along the Louisiana Highway One corridor. For more information, visit www.la1coalition.org.

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