



Calcasieu Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness




DATE: 8/18/17

SUBJECT: Calcasieu Parish Traffic Report

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: 8/18/17 to 8/25/17

PURPOSE: Due to the industrial and economic growth in Calcasieu Parish, there has been a sharp increase in traffic and congestion. This document can be used as a planning tool. It contains current and future road closures as well as other variables that may influence traffic conditions in Calcasieu Parish.


WEATHER SITUATION:





National Weather Service
Lake Charles, Louisiana
2:30 pm Thu Aug 17 2017


Weekly Weather Summary Table

	Weather	Friday 8/18/17	Saturday 8/19/17	Sunday 8/20/17	Monday 8/21/17	Tuesday 8/22/17	Wednesday 8/23/17	Thursday 8/24/17
Color Codes Except for Temperatures	Rain Total	0.10-0.50"	0.10-0.50"	0.10-0.50"	0.10-0.50"	0.10-0.50"	<0.05"	0.10-0.50"
Yellow = Low Threat	T-Storm/ Lightning	Scattered Highest cenla	Scattered Highest SC LA	Scattered Highest SC LA	Scattered	Scattered	Isolated	Scattered
Orange = Moderate Threat	Tornado/Hail /Dmg Wind	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Red = High Threat	Wind	SW-NW 5-10 mph	W 5-10 mph	SE 5-10 mph	SE 5-10 mph	SE 5-10 mph	SW-NW 5-10 mph	N 5-10 mph
Color Codes For Temperatures	Tide	Near Normal	Near Normal	Near Normal	Near Normal	Near Normal	Near Normal	Near Normal
Yellow=5 F above normal	Wave Height	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft	Near: 1-2 ft Off: 2-3 ft
Orange=10 F above normal	Temperature	Low: 75-79	Low: 75-79	Low: 73-77	Low: 74-78	Low: 74-78	Low: 74-78	Low: 74-78
Red=15 F above normal		High: 92-97	High: 90-96	High: 90-95	High: 90-95	High: 90-95	High: 90-95	High: 90-95
Vry Lt Blue=5 F below normal	Max Heat Index	104-109 F	104-108 F	102-106 F	100-105 F	100-105 F	100-105 F	100-105 F
Lt Blue=10 F below normal								
Blue=15 F below normal								


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Tropical Weather Outlook:

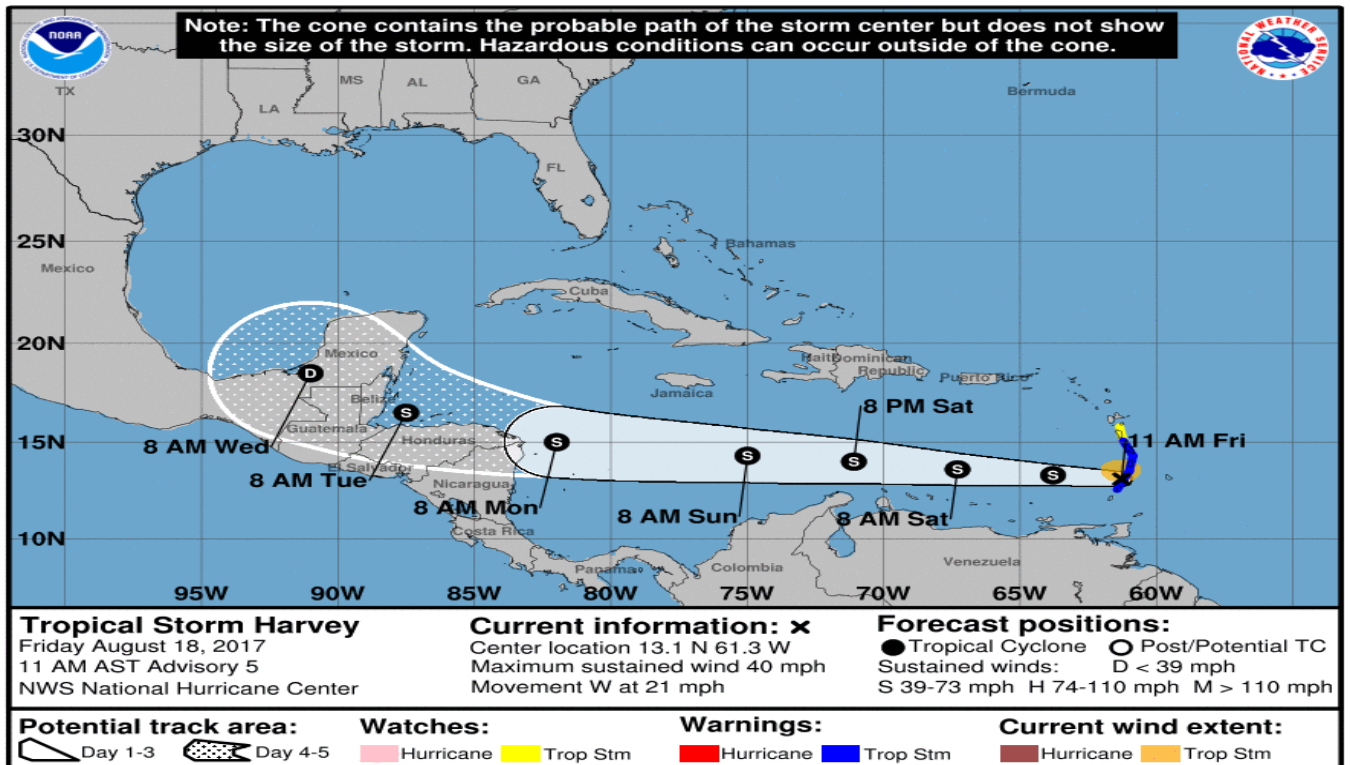
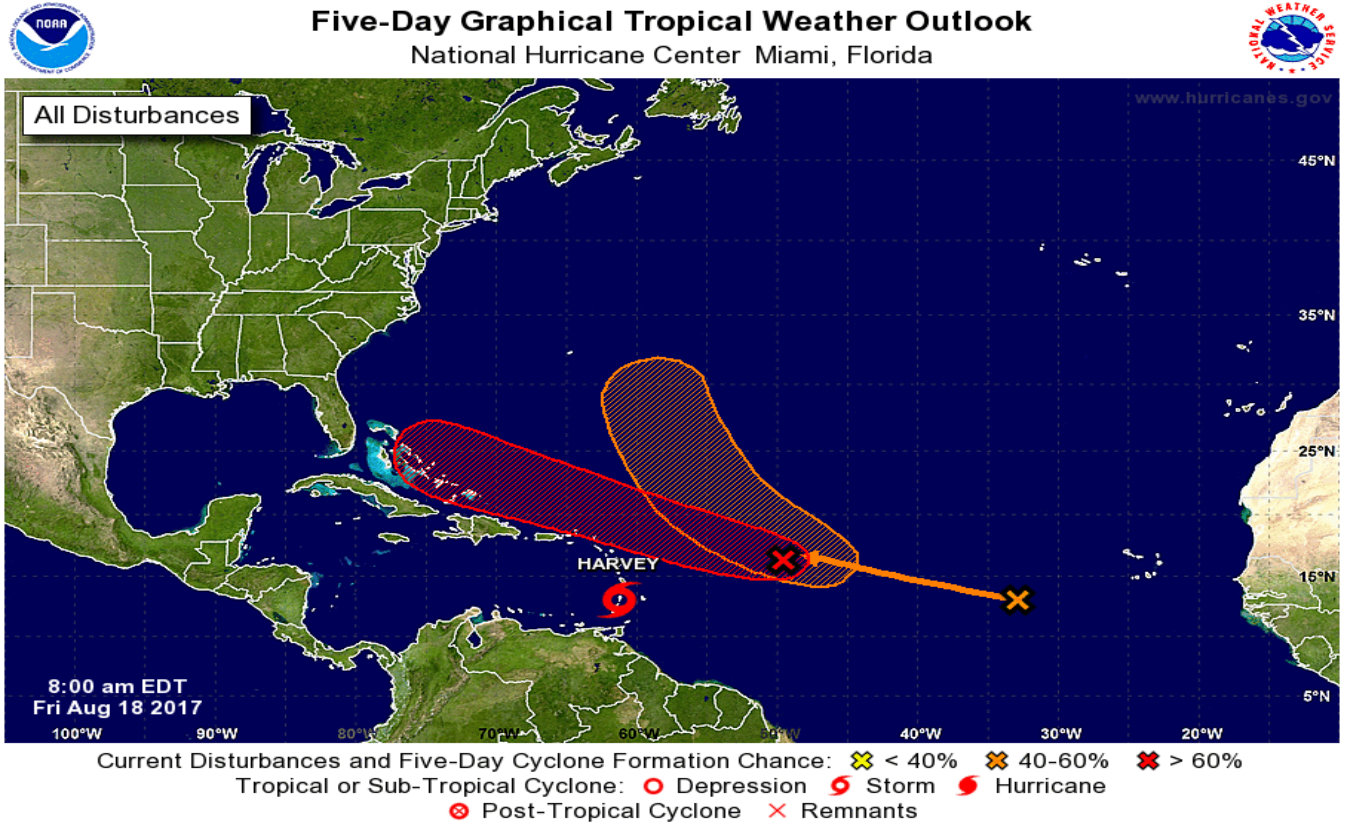
Tropical Storm Harvey – Currently moving through the eastern Caribbean, and will move west across the Caribbean through the weekend. It should be near the Nicaragua/Honduras coast by Monday, potentially as a category 1 hurricane. Depending on how much landmass it encounters, it should weaken some, and could end up in the Bay of Campeche by Wednesday. This system will continue to be monitored as it could strengthen again if it reaches the Bay of Campeche when the environment becomes more favorable.

Disturbance 2 – Shower and thunderstorm activity associated with an area of low pressure located about 750 miles east-northeast of the Leeward Islands continues to show signs of organization. While it would take only a slight increase in organization for a tropical depression to form later today or tonight, upper-level winds are becoming less favorable for development. The low is expected to move west-northwestward at about 20 mph during the next few days, and interests in the northern Leeward Islands should monitor the progress of this disturbance.

- 70 % Formation chance through 48 hours
- 70 % Formation chance through 5 days

Disturbance 3 – Shower activity has increased during the last 24 hours in association with a tropical wave located over the far eastern Atlantic Ocean, several hundred miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. Environmental conditions are forecast to become more favorable for some development early next week while the system moves west-northwestward to northwestward at about 20 mph.

- 10 % Formation chance through 48 hours
- 40 % Formation chance through 5 days



CURRENT SITUATION:

Interstate 10 and 2-10 Bridge Update

The joint repair project on the I-10 Bridge was scheduled for letting on August 12, 2017. The joint repair on the Interstate 10 Bridge will be complete prior to the work beginning on the Interstate 210 Bridge.

The I-210 re-decking project is currently scheduled for letting on February 14, 2018.

DOTD Press Release for Solar Eclipse (8/21/17)

While our state is not in the direct path of the eclipse, weather permitting, some parts of the state could see anywhere from 70% to 82% of sun coverage at the peak of the eclipse.

To assist with a safe commute, DOTD is offering the following safe travel tips as suggested by the Federal Highway Administration:

- Do not stop along the interstate or park on the shoulder during the event.
- Exit the highway to safe location to view and/or photograph the eclipse.
- Do not take photographs while driving!
- Do not try to wear opaque eclipse glasses while operating a vehicle.
- Turn your headlights on - do not rely on your automatic headlights when the eclipse blocks out the sun.
- Watch out for pedestrians along smaller roads. People may be randomly parking and walking alongside the roadside in the hours around the eclipse to get the best view.
- Prepare for extra congestion especially on the interstates on the day before, day of and day after the eclipse.
- Avoid travel during the eclipse or in the area of the main path if you can.

New Projects for week ending 8/25/17

	Location	Project	Route	Start Date	End Date
DOTD	US 171	Activation of Traffic Signal	The traffic signal at intersection of US 171 and Gloria/You Winn Rd will be activated	8/21/17	N/A

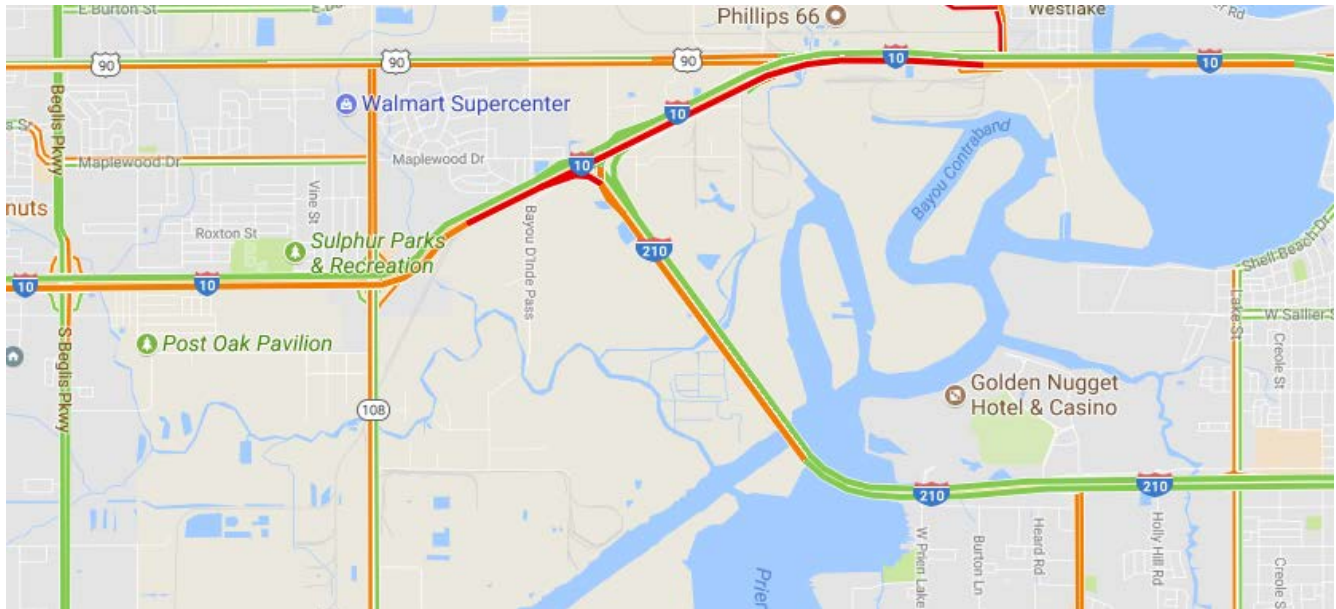
Ongoing projects as of 8/18/17

	Location	Project	Route	Start Date	End Date
DOTD	Pearl St	Bridge Replacement	Replacement of the Pearl St Bridge at the intersection of Picard Rd has begun	6/23/17	November 2017
	LA 108	Patching, Widening and Overlay	Intermittent lane closures on LA 108 from I-10 to LA 27	8/4/17	June 2018
	LA 27 & LA 1256	Overlay	LA 27 & LA 1256 will have lane closures from Sam Vincent Rd to Interstate 10 (MP 78 – 82)	3/20/17	September 2018
Parish	Metzger Rd	Bridge Replacement	Closed to all traffic	6/2/17	8/31/17
	Anthony Ferry Rd	Overlay	Anthony Ferry Rd from Willow Springs Rd to Bankens Rd	5/26/17	10/2/17

Parish	Penton Rd	Overlay	Penton Rd from LA12 to Beauregard Parish Line	5/26/17	10/2/17
	Pine Forest Rd	Overlay	Pine Forest Rd from Dequincy Rd to LA 27	5/26/17	10/2/17
	Houston River Rd (Sulphur)	Bridge closed	Between Avondale St and West of Hwy 27 (Near Houston River Baptist Church)	9/1/16	9/1/17
	Old Spanish Trail	Tie into new overpass	100' West of Lyons Avenue to Bel Air St	9/15/17 6:00PM	9/18/17 4:00AM
	Evangeline Hwy	Overlay	From LA12 to LA 109	7/11/17	9/28/17
	Green Moore Rd	Overlay	From Doyle Cemetery to LA 12	7/11/17	9/28/17
	Gum Cove Rd	Overlay	From LA 108 to Bridge	7/11/17	9/28/17
	Charlie Moss Rd	Overlay	From Ward 7 line to Bridge #500299	8/25/17	1/31/18
	Jim Pickens Rd	Overlay	From Claiborne St to LA 27	8/25/17	1/31/18
	Miller Ave	Overlay	From John Stine Rd to Hudson Dr	8/25/17	1/31/18
	N Crocker St	Overlay	From Sulphur City limit to Granger Rd	8/25/17	1/31/18
	Prater Rd	Overlay	From US 90 to Old Spanish Trail	8/25/17	1/31/18
LC	5 th Avenue Bridge	Bridge Replacement	5 th Ave Bridge over Contraband Bayou will be removed and replaced	7/5/17	January 2018
Sulphur	Pearl St	Bridge closed	Intersection of Picard	2016	November 2017
	W Crocker St	Bridge Closed	Coordinates: 30.226454, -93.381170	5/8/17	September 2017

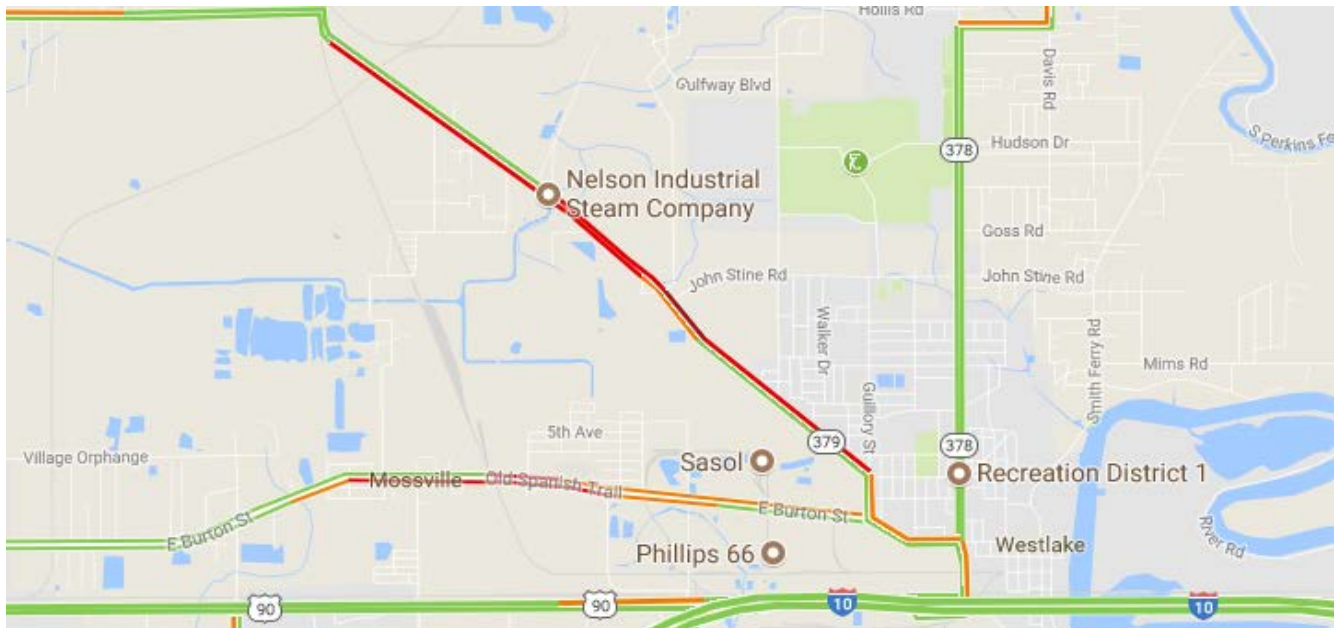
Heavy Traffic Prone Areas –

Location	Direction	Problem Area(s)	Day(s)	Time(s)
I-10	East	MM24 to MM30 City Service (Exit 23) to Exit 29 to Lakeshore. Includes all entrances/on-ramps into specified area	Monday – Friday	5:00PM – 7:00PM
I-210	East	MM0 to MM3 MM0 of I-210 to Nelson Rd (Exit 3). Includes all entrances/on-ramps into specified area	Monday – Friday	5:00PM – 7:00PM



<https://www.google.com/maps/@30.2073022,-93.2869333,13.21z/data=!5m1!1e1?hl=en>

Location	Direction	Problem Area(s)	Day(s)	Time(s)
Houston River Rd (Westlake)	Both Directions	Anthony Ferry Rd to Guillory St	Monday – Friday	5:30AM – 7:30AM



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Industrial Traffic Control Points –

Industries	Location	Days of the Week	Times
Axiall	Various locations on Pete Menena Rd	Monday-Sunday	7:00am-5:00pm
Sasol	Old Spanish Trail/Rigmaiden Ave	Monday-Friday	5:00am-9:00am
		Monday-Friday	4:00pm-8:00pm
	Old Spanish Trail/VCM Plant Rd	Monday-Friday	5:00am-9:00am
		Monday-Friday	4:00pm-8:00pm
	Houston River Rd/Margaret St	Monday-Friday	5:00am-9:00am
		Monday-Friday	4:00pm-8:00pm
Houston River Rd/John Stine Rd	Monday-Friday	5:00am-9:00am	

Westlake Heavy Haul Route Schedule



Date(s)	Time	Comments
21-24 August	9:00PM	Both lanes of heavy haul route closed for slow moving heavy equipment loads. Transport speed will be approximately 3 MPH and duration approximately six hours. Police and flaggers will be present.
27-31 August	9:00PM	

This schedule is subject to change at any time. For the most up to date schedule, sign up for the Sasol TEXT at <http://www.sasolnorthamerica.com/sasoltext> or go to <http://www.sasolnorthamerica.com/HHR>

RESOURCES:

Traffic Maps:

- Google Maps - <https://www.google.com/maps/@30.237634,-93.237093,11z/data=!5m1!1e1>
- Waze - <https://www.waze.com>

Emergency Notification:

- Calcashout - <http://www.calcashout.com/>
- Nixle - <https://local.nixle.com/register/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CalcasieuEmergencyNotification/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EmrgNoticeCPPJ>

Louisiana DOTD Updates:

- MyDOTD - <http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/announcements/SignUp.aspx>
- 511 - <http://hb.511la.org>

Sasol Construction/Heavy Haul Route Updates:

- Sasol TEXT - <http://www.sasolnorthamerica.com/sasoltext>
- Current Schedule - <http://www.sasolnorthamerica.com/HHR>

Weather Updates:

- National Weather Service - <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lch/>
- Active Tropical Weather Outlook - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- 5 Day Outlook - <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=5>