

SECRETARY'S EMERGENCY ORDER

HURRICANE FRANCINE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development issued an Emergency Order to prepare for Hurricane Francine on September 9, 2024;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine no longer poses a threat to the State of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE, I, TERRENCE J. DONAHUE, JR., Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby modify the Emergency Order signed on September 9, 2024, to read as follows:

SECTION 1: With respect to the collection of toll payments at facilities under the operation and control of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, specifically, the LA 1 toll bridge from Leesville to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle:

A. The collection of toll payments shall resume as of 12:00 PM on September 16, 2024.

SECTION 2: With respect to commercial motor carriers traveling on public highways of the State of Louisiana for the purpose of emergency preparedness and disaster relief efforts, the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 32:386 (A) are hereby suspended and the size and weight restrictions for such vehicles shall be as follows:

A. The total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed eighty-eight thousand pounds.

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SECTION 3: Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle transporting commodities or fuel for disaster preparedness and relief to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this emergency order, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

SECTION 4: Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to travel on interstate highways, non-state-maintained highways, or to the transport of commodities that are not in support of rescue, recovery, or repair efforts associated with Tropical Storm Francine or any subsequent proclamations regarding the weather event.

SECTION 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded.



Terrence J. Donahue, Jr., Secretary
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development