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WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY: CHANCE FOR Sleet
COULD CONTINUE INTO FRIDAY EVENING

Kenner, LA. - The chance of sleet, mixed in with light rain, will continue for Kenner and the rest of the metropolitan area into the afternoon and perhaps into this evening, according to forecasters with the National Weather Service.

The 10 a.m. temperature at Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner was 34 degrees and forecasters said temperatures are likely not to change much for the rest of the day. However, because temperatures are above freezing, any sleet that falls will melt on impact. Motorists should use caution because of the wet conditions and there is a chance of some icing on elevated roadways and drawbridges.

Motorists should use extra caution today when traveling, particularly over bridges and overpasses. As of this moment, LSP, DOTD and GNOEC are reporting the following highway and bridge closures in our area:

Temporarily closed due to icy conditions:
- Causeway Bridge – NB and SB.
- I-55 NB & SB at Manchac. Traffic being rerouted to old US 51.
- Mississippi River Bridge, Baton Rouge – EB and WB.
- I-12 between Denham Springs and Baton Rouge – EB and WB.

Official information on road closures throughout the state can be found at these websites. These sites are continually updated:

For GNOEC Causeway & Huey P. Long Bridge Advisories, link to: http://www.thecauseway.us/causeway/default.php

For Highway Closures throughout the State from LA State Police, link to: http://www.lsp.org/roadclosure.html

DOTD 511 TRAVEL MAPS & TRAFFIC CAMERAS: http://hb.511la.org/main.jsf

For Jefferson Parish Press Releases & Information on Local Parish Road / Street Closure Notices, link to: http://www.jeffparish.net/index.aspx?page=952

The chance for any precipitation will slowly decrease during the day. Tonight will remain cold, with lows in the low to mid 30s. The good news is that no precipitation is forecast for Saturday and highs are expected to reach 50 degrees.

Kenner’s Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the weather conditions and updated forecasts and additional information will be released as necessary.

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