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***April 2011 Luncheon/Meeting
Bayou Barriere Golf Club***

Secretary Sherri LeBas with LA Department of Transportation and Development spoke on the Crescent City Connection toll expiration. She began with a brief overview of the history of the CCC tolls and mentioned the income generated. Operational areas supported by the tolls are the ferry service, CCCD police, bridge and roadway maintenance costs including landscaping, roadway and bridge lighting, and construction of new projects. Secretary LeBas spoke of several changes to the CCCD including the appointment of herself as Secretary along with a new Assistant Secretary of Operations, Director of Statewide Toll Service, Public Information Officer for New Orleans and new Police Chief. In order to have a check and balance system the CCC Oversight Authority has been reactivated. Audits, reviews and evaluations are being conducted to determine the effects of losing toll revenue. In conclusion, Secretary LeBas stated that LA DOTD is currently planning for sunset of tolls on December 31, 2012. DOTD will continue its efforts to plan and provide for a smooth, effective transition of the CCCD services.



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