

As a result of the meeting between myself and MG Landreneau (Gov Foster's designee) on Monday of last week (Feb 10) the following timeline was agreed upon:

1. La asked if we could support a contraflow (reverse laning) to Lumberton. Due to the lack of infrastructure (crossovers), we were unable to agree to this request. I then offered to support a termination of reverse laning just south of Poplarville (vic MM 21). This is the location that MEMA and Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness (LOEP) had agreed upon during our meeting in my office on May 16, 2002.
2. This proposal was agreed upon by myself and MG Landreneau.
3. We agreed to let the La State Police and Ms Dept of Public Safety (MHP) meet before the end of February and develop a joint plan to support this agreement. La SP would be responsible for developing protocols and the plan and MHP would be responsible for developing the primary plan for the reverse laning evacuation into Mississippi.
4. We will meet on March 12 at 10:00 am in Baton Rouge at which time La SP and MHP will brief their respective parts of the plan to support the agreed upon termination.
5. Shortly after March 12, the two DOTs will be brought in and briefed on the plan developed by the two states. They will be asked to complete the necessary planning of their part to support the plan.
6. April 15, 2003 is the target date for the two Governors to jointly announce the plan. This will be prior to the National Hurricane Conference in New Orleans and before the beginning of Hurricane season.