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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Repairs Continue on the Cut Off Lift Bridge** *Repairs to the Côte Blanche Bridge Nearing Completion*

The Lafourche Parish Government Department of Public Works is continuing its effort to repair the Cut Off Lift Bridge crossing Bayou Lafourche (*Le Pont D'Or*). Parish personnel worked feverishly over the weekend to make repairs and are continuing work today.

“We’ve called in help from the State of Louisiana as well as Terrebonne Parish,” said Parish President Charlotte Randolph. “We are bringing in every available expert with knowledge and familiarity of this type of system in order to get this bridge functioning properly.”

A broken shaft on the bridge motor was the cause for the bridge closure. This is the second time in nearly six months that this has occurred. Parish workers installed the repaired motor on Friday, but now a long-term repair is needed in order to prevent this recurring problem.

“The public has been extremely patient through all of these bridge closures,” said Public Works Director Kerry Babin. “They deserve our best efforts to ensure this does not happen again.”

The repairs to the Côte Blanche Pontoon Bridge in Cut Off are also nearing completion after a fire impaired operation on the bridge in mid-August.

“We believe the bridge will be operational by the end of the month,” said Babin. “We will continue working hard, though, to try to get it back to normal operation as soon as possible.”

In the meantime, parish workers will continue manually opening and closing the bridge for marine and vehicular traffic.

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