
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: I-59 CONTRA FLOW UPDATE
DATE 2/12/03
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Robert Latham met with General Landrineau of Louisiana this past Monday, February 10. Robert said that the meeting was very productive and that he and Landrineau agreed to support contra flow to just south of Poplarville ONLY AS A LAST RESORT. They also agreed to get the Louisiana state police and MS Highway Patrol to meet within the next 2-3 weeks to develop an implementation plan to support this agreement. Latham and Landrineau will then meet to review the implementation plan, which will include protocols and required resources. Contra flow will only be implemented upon the agreement and direction of the Louisiana state police and MS Highway Patrol.

Latham and Landrineau will only call in LDOT and MDOT after the implementation plan has been developed and will brief them on how and when it will be implemented. LDOT and MDOT will then be tasked with developing a plan to support it.

Robert would like to go public with an announcement by you and Governor Foster on or about April 15 as to the agreed upon plan. This will be before the National Hurricane Conference and will hopefully eliminate any media hype over perceived lack of coordination.

Robert has mentioned to me that Butch Brown told him a few weeks ago that LDOT provided MDOT with a lot of incorrect information regarding contra flow.

I know you know this, but Robert has done a great job of staying on top of this issue and keeping be briefed.