GREATEST NEEDS— LOUISIANA

Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"The flow of goods to, from, and through Louisiana is heavily dependent on the Interstate Highway System. Of course, goods movement on the interstate system is accomplished by heavy trucks. Invariably, bottlenecks occur in urban areas. It is imperative that Louisiana's interstate system is maintained at a level of service that will not hinder truck travel."

—Sherri Lebas , Louisiana Department of Transportation Interim Secretary

Freight Capacity Needs

Interstate Highway Improvements

Interstate highways are the major corridors for truck freight movement. The extension of Interstate 49 from Shreveport to the Arkansas border, in conjunction with work being done in Arkansas and Missouri to complete I-49 to Kansas City, will have a major impact on the movement of freight in this region of the country. Louisiana is also seeking to extend I-49 south of Lafayette to New Orleans by upgrading the current U.S. 90 corridor.

In addition, existing interstate highways in Louisiana exhibit congestion in urban areas, which inhibits the movement of heavy trucks. Some of the existing interstate highways identified as needing improvement are I-10 in Baton Rouge (Mississippi River Bridge to the I-10/12 split); from the Texas border to Lake Charles; and in New Orleans (Williams Boulevard to Causeway Boulevard); I-12 from Walker to Slidell; and I-20 in Monroe and Shreveport.

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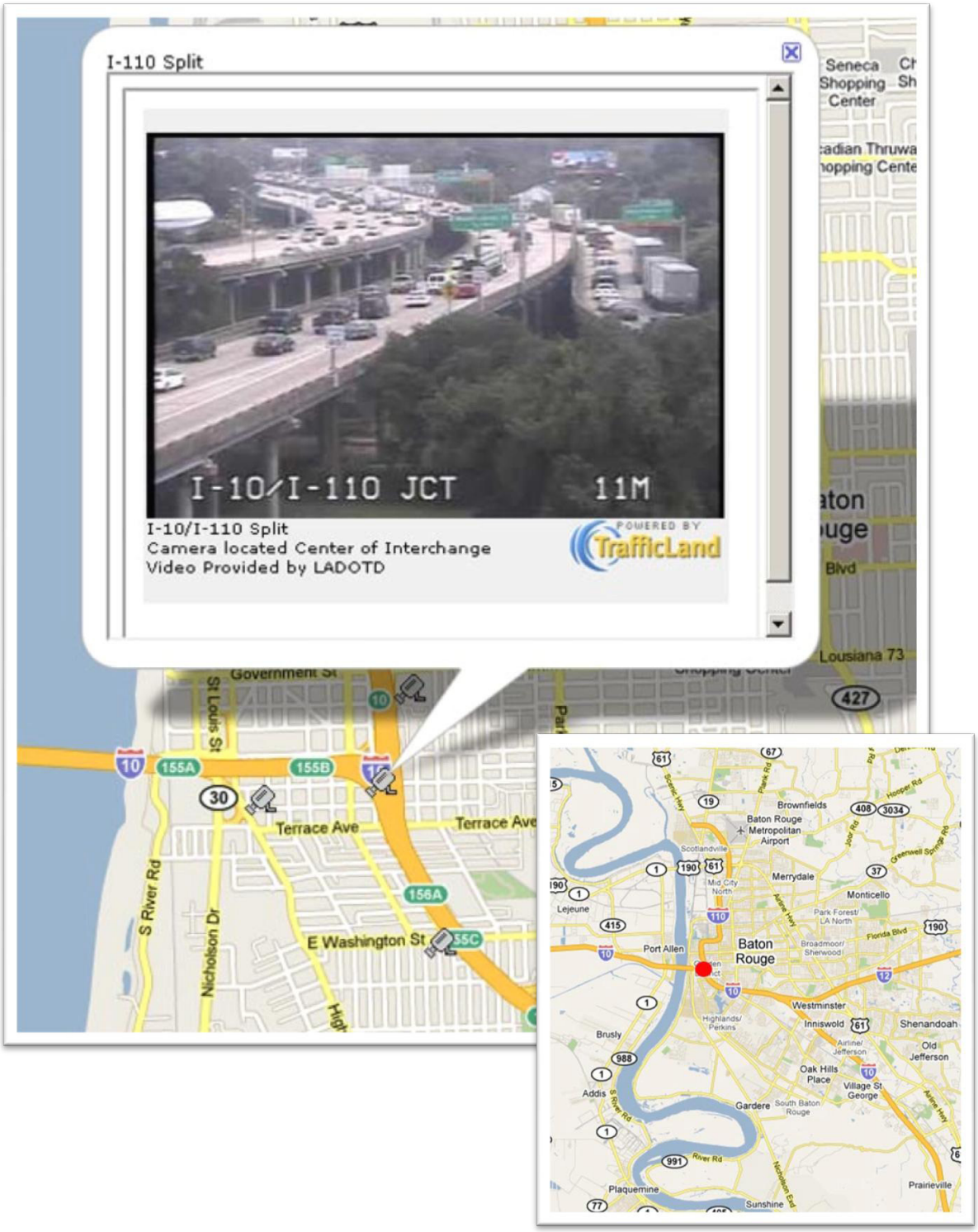
Interstate 10

I-10 Mississippi River Bridge at I-110 Split (Baton Rouge)



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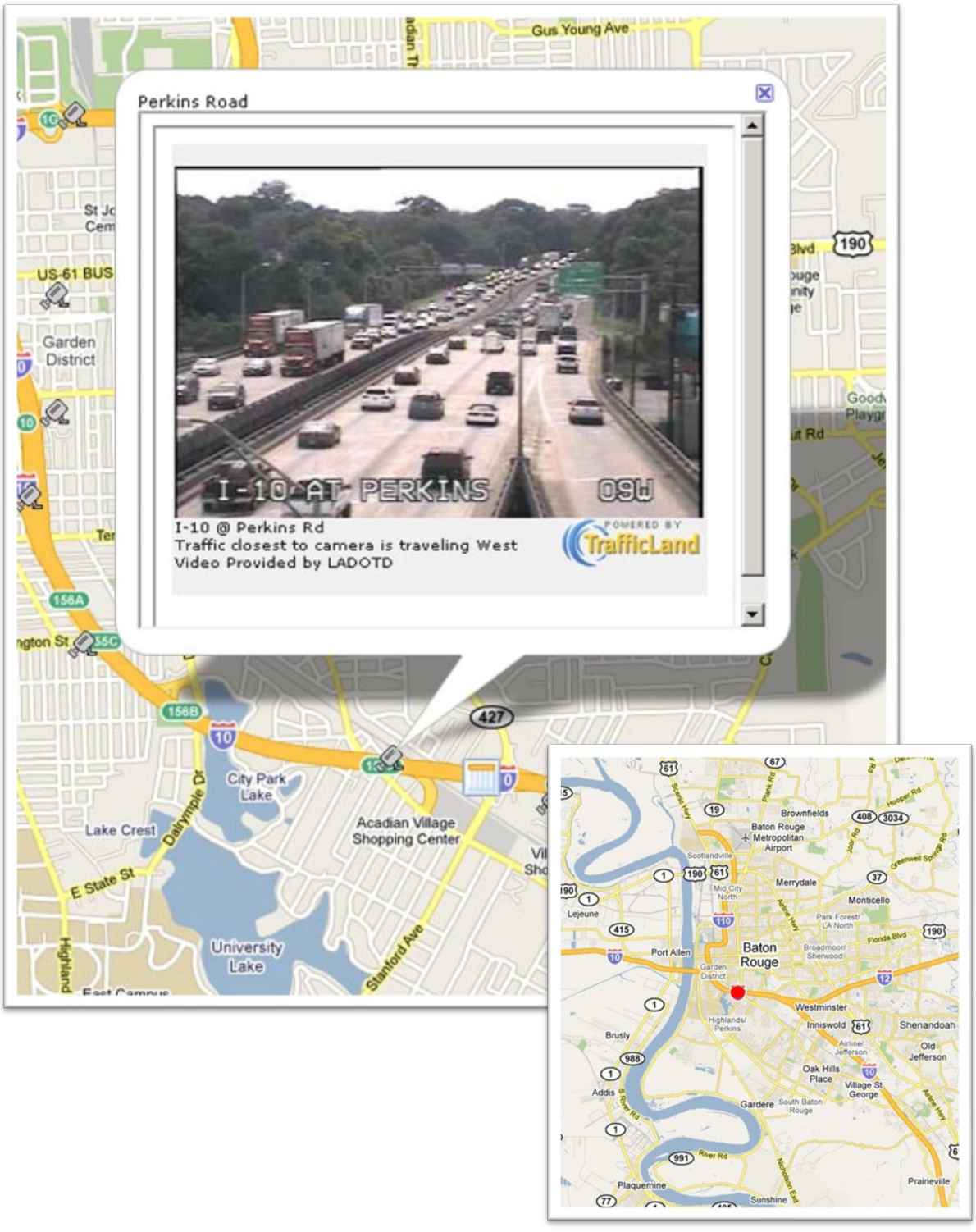
I-10 at Perkins (Baton Rouge)



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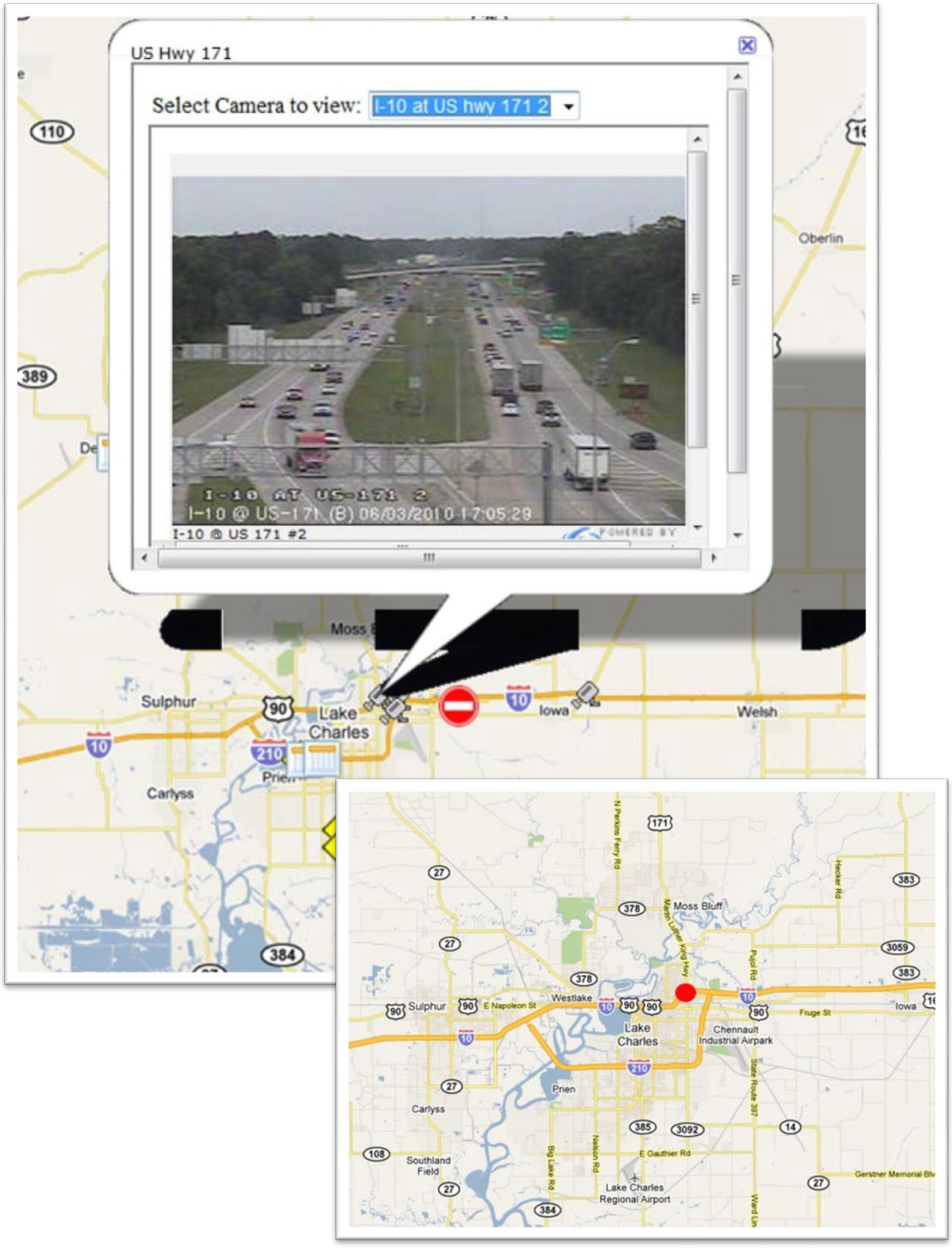
I-10 at US-171 (Lake Charles)



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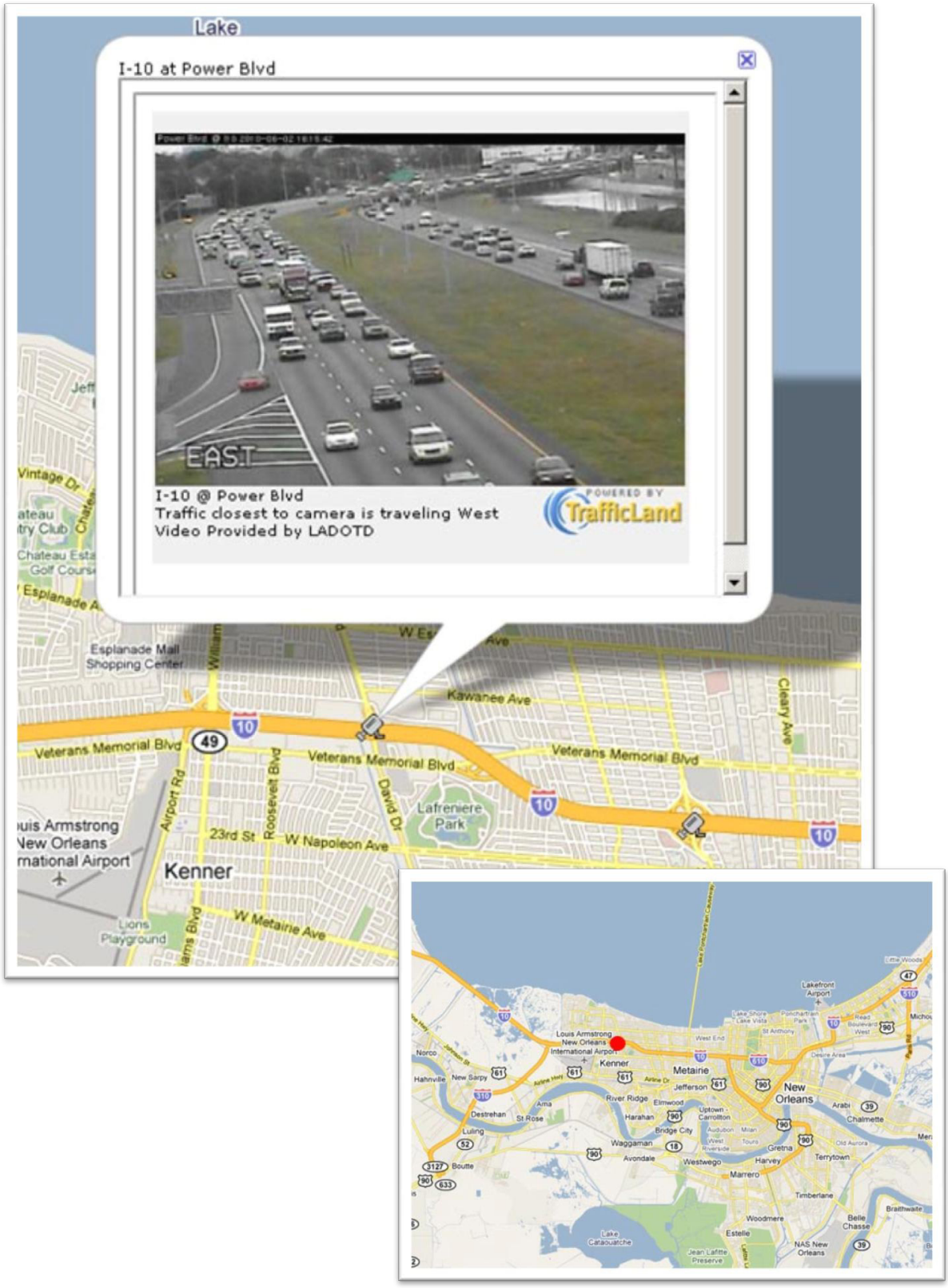
I-10 at Power Blvd (New Orleans)



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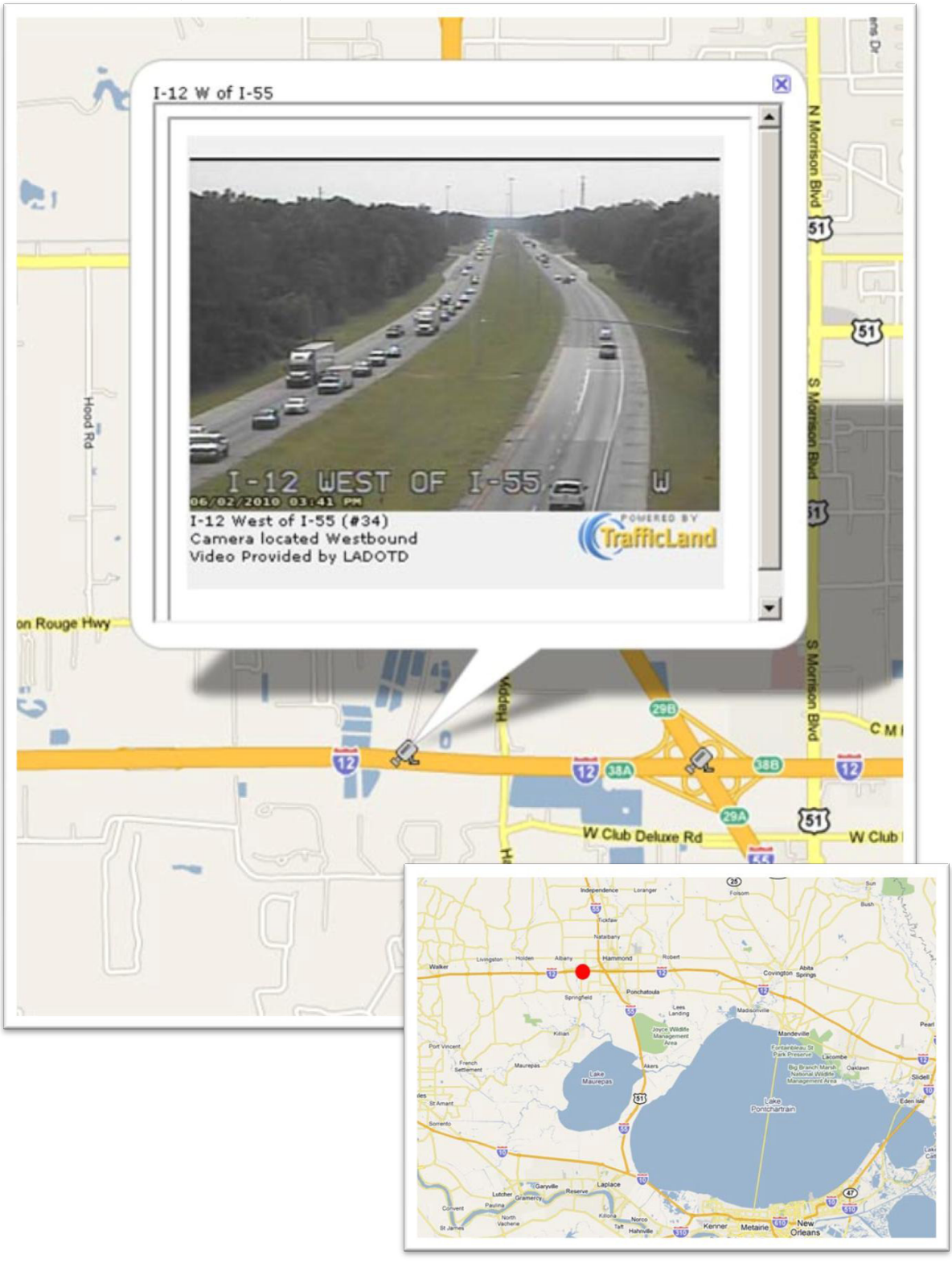
Interstate 12

I-12 West of I-55 (Hammond)



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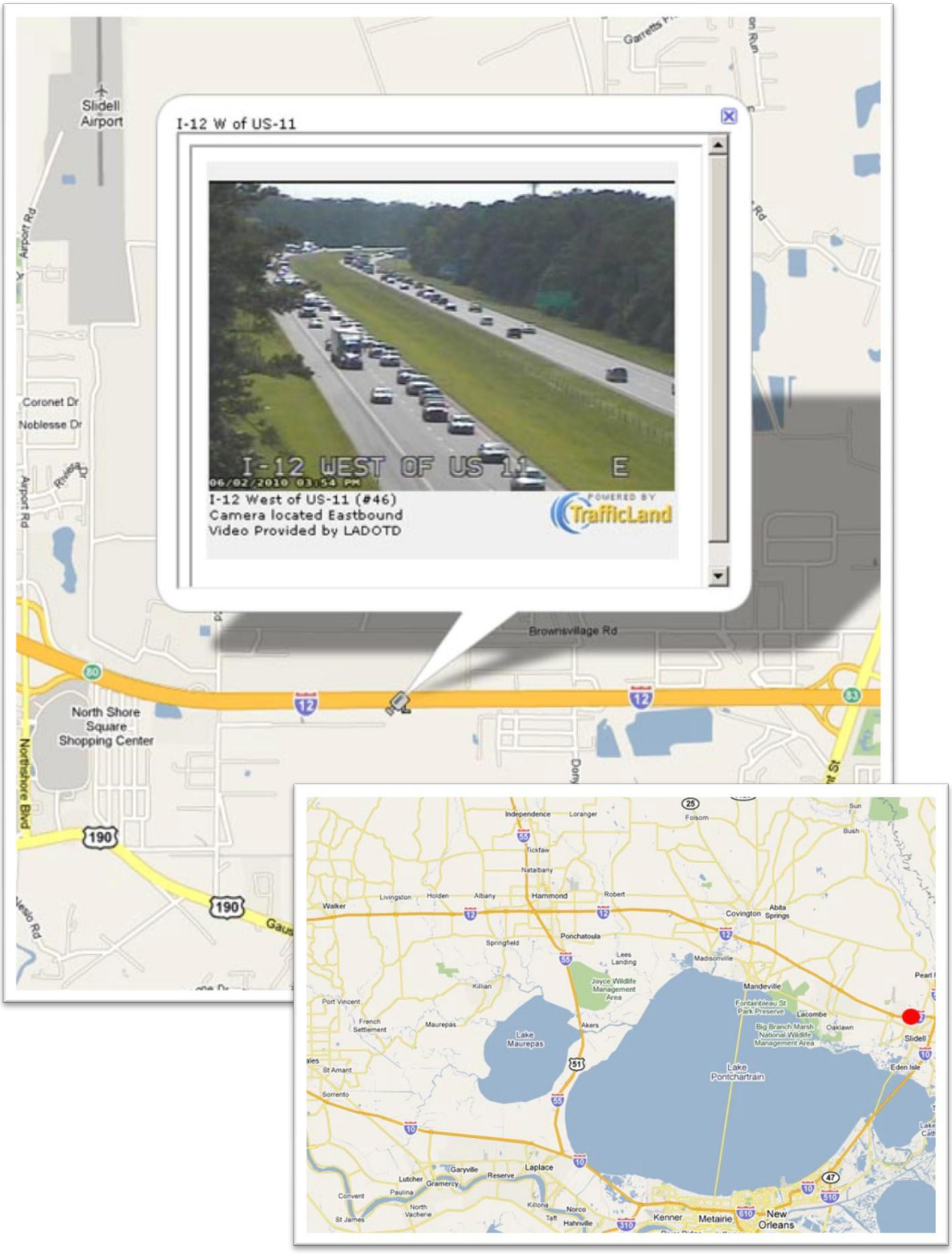
I-12 West of US-11 (Slidell)



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Interstate 20

I-20 at Riverside Drive (Shreveport – Bossier City)