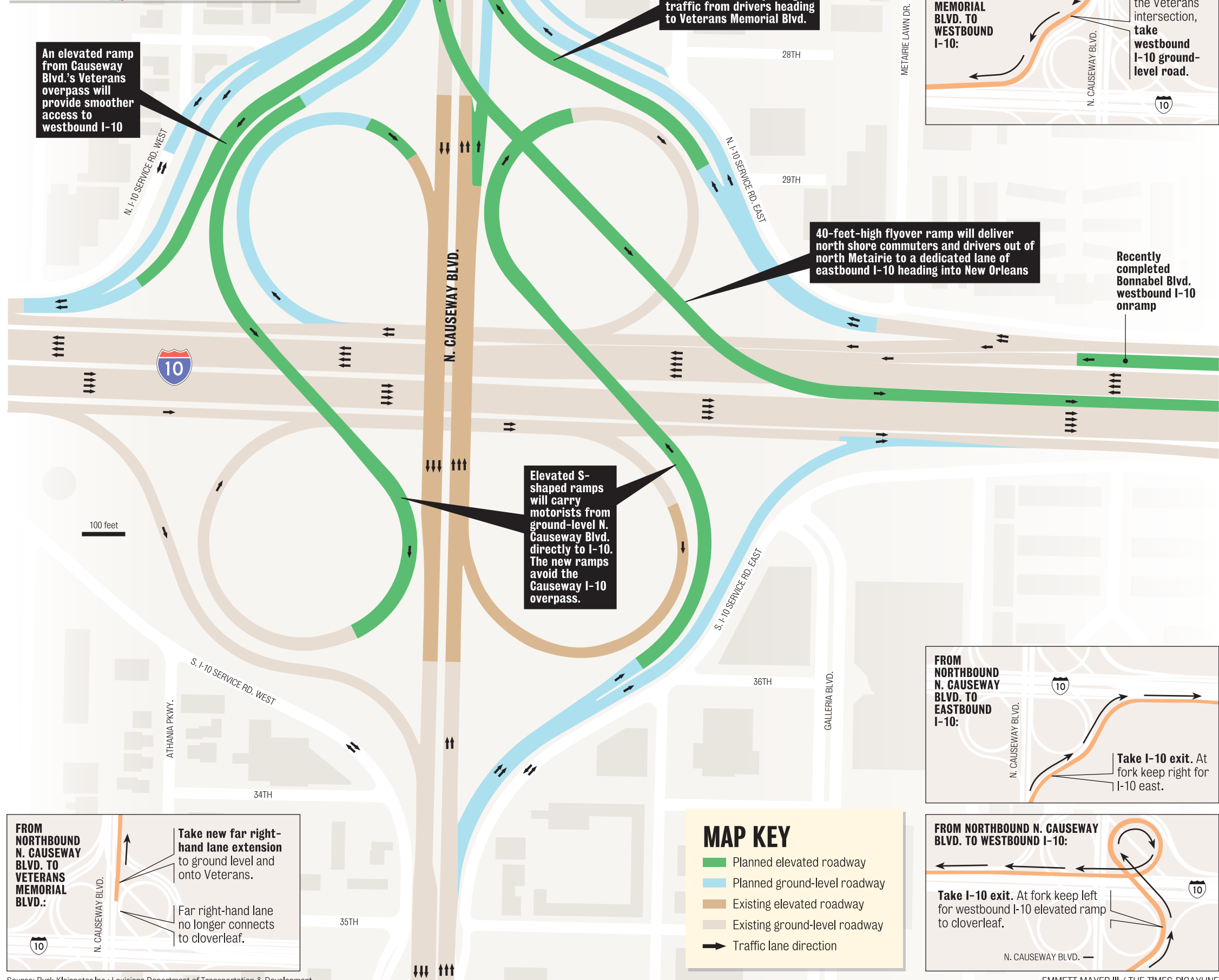
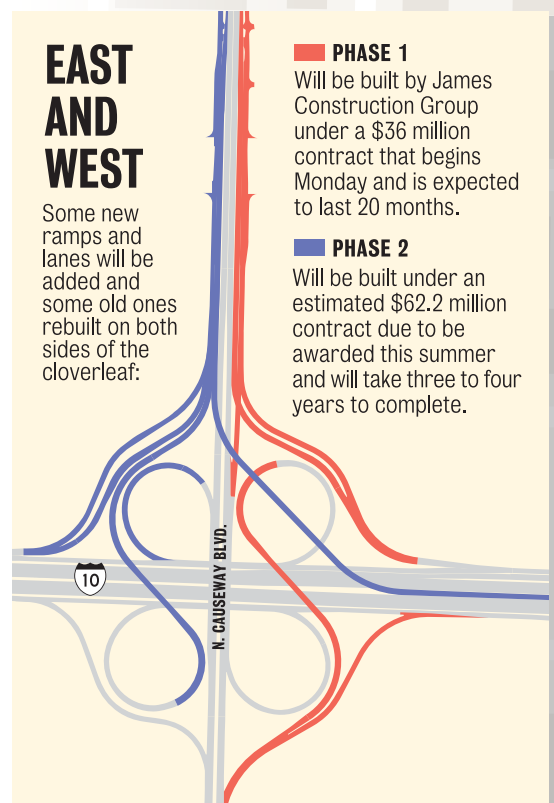


SEPARATING VETS AND CAUSEWAY

Work begins Monday on the first of two contracts that will overhaul and expand the congested Causeway interchange at I-10. The goal is to provide dedicated lanes that will ease the commute between the north shore and downtown New Orleans and eliminate excessive merging and lane-sharing between Veterans and Causeway drivers.



The state has acquired property along the east side of N. Causeway Blvd. between 21st and 26th streets that ranges in size from about 5 feet to 30 feet wide. The properties are needed to relocate the far righthand lane and allow room for the elevated roadway supports.

An elevated ramp will separate Causeway bridge traffic from drivers heading to Veterans Memorial Blvd.

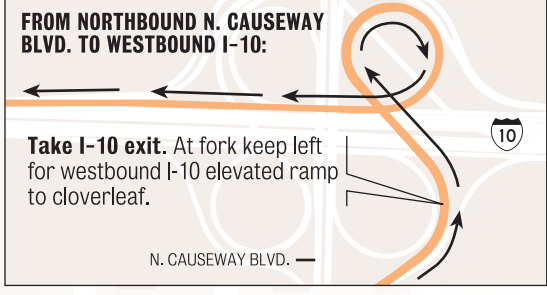
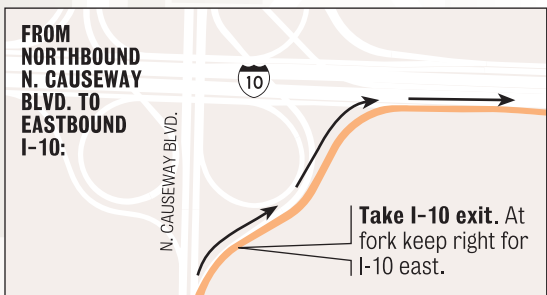
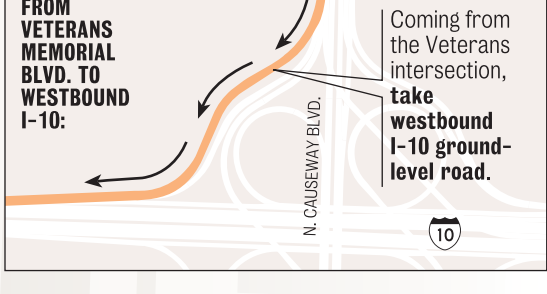
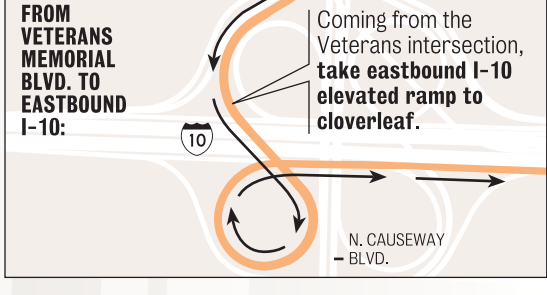
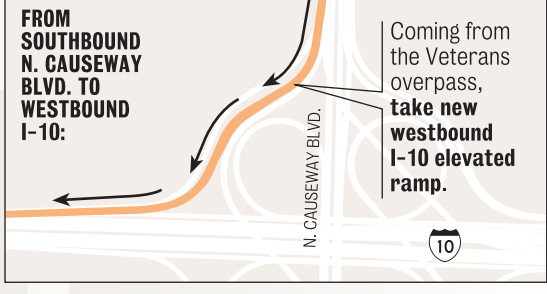
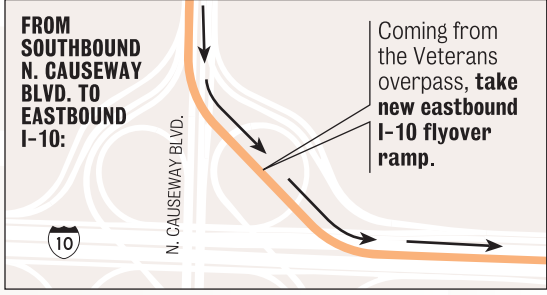
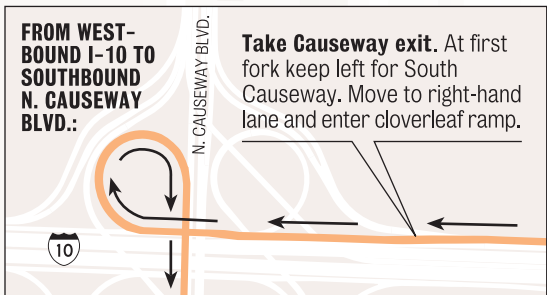
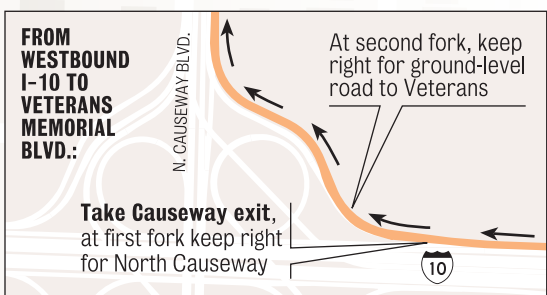
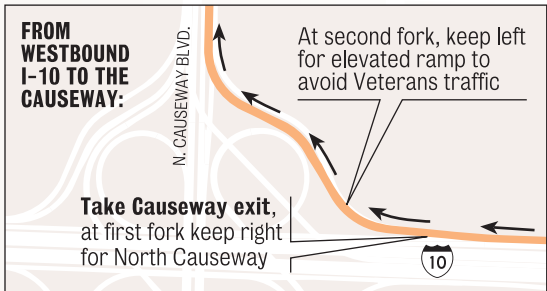
40-foot-high flyover ramp will deliver north shore commuters and drivers out of north Metairie to a dedicated lane of eastbound I-10 heading into New Orleans

Elevated S-shaped ramps will carry motorists from ground-level N. Causeway Blvd. directly to I-10. The new ramps avoid the Causeway I-10 overpass.

Recently completed Bonnabel Blvd. westbound I-10 onramp

An elevated ramp from Causeway Blvd.'s Veterans overpass will provide smoother access to westbound I-10

GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE



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