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LOW BID ACCEPTED ON FIRST OF NINE KENNER 2030 PROJECTS

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner City Council has approved an $830,216 bid for a pedestrian/bike path, landscaping and other amenities in the median of Erlanger Road from Vintage Drive to Lake Pontchartrain – making it the first of nine Kenner 2030 projects set to move into the construction phase.

The low bidder on the job was Onshore Materials, LLC with a bid that was approximately $100,000 less than estimated by engineers overseeing the 2030 program, according to Councilman Keith Reynaud.

“What a great way to begin on a program that I am confident will both beautify some of our most important intersections and make the city more attractive to individuals and businesses deciding where to locate in the metropolitan area,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said.

Most of the nine projects that make up the Kenner 2030 program are now in the design phase, said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez. The total cost for the program is $39 million, with federal matching funds accounting for about $14,500,000 of that total. Kenner is paying for the rest with the proceeds of a refinanced bond issue that was approved by the City Council.

The idea behind the Erlanger Road project is to build a bike path that will connect to the lakefront bike path and to add lighting, landscaping, public art and other features to make the area attractive both for bikers and pedestrians, officials have said.

Work on the project, which includes $96,000 under a federal recreational trails program, is expected to begin in December and the job should take about nine months to complete, notwithstanding weather or other complications, Gonzalez said.

Next up on the 2030 list is the $1.5 million project to build a new U-turn and make other improvements at the intersection on the west side of Williams Boulevard, at the intersection with Vintage Drive, Gonzalez said.

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