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KENNER, JEFFERSON PARISH AND NEW ORLEANS ENGINEERS BEGIN TALKS ON AIRPORT DRAINAGE

Kenner, LA- On Monday, April 29th, government officials from Kenner, Jefferson Parish and New Orleans began discussions related to the potential impact that building a new airport terminal will have on area drainage. The topic has been at the forefront of conversations well in advance of Mayor Mitch Landrieu's announcement in mid-April that a new terminal will be constructed on the north side of the airport.

Crescent City Aviation Team, the joint venture of LEO A DALY/Atkins which is overseeing planning of the airport project, will be conducting the drainage study as part of the next steps in the design process for the new terminal. The firm will recommend any improvements that need to be made to minimize drainage issues connected to the new development.

"It was a productive meeting," said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez. "Technical representatives were at the table who are familiar with the drainage issues at the airport, and a verbal agreement was reached that the airport will thoroughly investigate all drainage issues related to building a new terminal and do everything within their power to minimize runoff into the Jefferson Parish drainage system that could potentially affect residents of north Kenner."

Kazem Alikhani, Jefferson Parish's Public Works Director, said he also was encouraged by Monday's meeting. "We are trying to work as a team - New Orleans, Jefferson Parish and Kenner - on a project that both benefits the airport and the residents who potentially could be affected."

New Orleans Deputy Mayor of Facilities & Infrastructure Cedric Grant added: "We will continue to work with Kenner and Jefferson Parish to ensure that we work to mitigate any impacts on their drainage system. This new airport is going to be a win-win for everyone."

Officials from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and Aviation Board, City of New Orleans, City of Kenner, Jefferson Parish, and the Crescent City Aviation Team were present at the meeting.

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