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KENNER COUNCIL APPROVES AIRPORT CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner City Council on Thursday unanimously approved a conditional use application for the construction of a new North Terminal, along with related improvements, at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Approval of the application is required before any construction permits can be authorized and lays out the basic plan for the North Terminal.

The terminal will be 780,000 square feet with two concourses and associated airport facilities, including a new 600 c.f.s. pump station and interior road network to access the facility. Concourses A, B and C will be demolished, while plans call for Concourse D and the two existing parking garages to be retained.

Members of Kenner's Planning Commission previously recommended approval of the application at the group's May 20 meeting.

Walter Krygowski, chief operations officer at the airport, explained the \$650 million project is expected to boost the number of airlines and flights out of New Orleans by lowering the cost per passenger for the airlines with a new terminal that isn't more than 50 years old.

Kenner will also benefit from an increase in parking spaces and the overhaul of the concessions for the terminal. The bulk of an upgrade concessions selection will be located past the security checkpoints so that passengers waiting for their planes have more convenient access.

The new pump station will not only handle any increased demands but will increase drainage capacity by about 15 percent in the surrounding area. Kenner Councilman Keith Conley requested that a help line be installed for the benefit of Kenner residents and Krygowski said that was in the plans.

Krygowski said construction work is expected to begin later this summer and Mayor Mitch Landrieu has established a 2018 completion date for the new facility.

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