



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Road and lane closures planned for Williams Boulevard (LA 49) at Veterans in Kenner

KENNER, La. – The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has scheduled a repair at the intersection of Williams Boulevard (La. 49) and Veterans Memorial Boulevard to replace asphalt pavement damaged late last year when a water main ruptured beneath the roadway.

The closure in its entirety will be from Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. Monday, April 24; and from 9 p.m. Monday until 5 a.m. Tuesday, April 25. During that timeframe, motorists can expect delays in multiple directions at any given time. The affected lanes/directional closures are as follows.

- Northbound Williams Blvd – Reduced to one through lane and a left turn lane onto westbound Veterans. No right turn will be allowed onto eastbound Veterans. (As work progresses, the right turn onto eastbound Veterans will reopen sometime late Sunday afternoon.)
- Southbound Williams, there will be no left turn allowed onto eastbound Veterans. The suggested alternate routes are West Esplanade (before approaching Interstate 10), West Napoleon or West Metairie.
- Eastbound Veterans will be closed and traffic diverted to southbound Williams. The suggested alternate route is Loyola Drive to I-10 or Loyola to West Esplanade.

Full roadway closure details are as follows.

- Beginning at 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 until 9 p.m., Monday, April 24, westbound Veterans will be closed at Williams and all traffic forced to U-turn onto eastbound Veterans. The suggested alternate routes to I-10 are the Veterans Blvd on-ramps or David Drive to West Esplanade or Airline Drive.

Access to businesses and residents on westbound Veterans will be maintained.

The closures will allow for vehicles 12-feet wide or smaller to pass through the construction zone. Barriere Construction Co., LLC is the contractor; the cost of repair is \$255,000.

All construction activity is weather dependent and may be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather. DOTD appreciates the motoring public's patience and reminds drivers to please exercise caution when traveling through work zone areas and be on the lookout for work crews and their equipment. Area residents should exercise caution when driving, walking or biking near an active work zone.

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