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RIGHT LANE OF EASTBOUND WEST ESPLANADE AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE DUNCAN CANAL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Kenner, LA. - One lane of the eastbound West Esplanade Avenue Bridge over the Duncan Canal is being closed following a routine bridge inspection Friday morning that revealed a structural deficiency that affects the right lane of the bridge.

Engineers from Jefferson Parish and the state Department of Transportation and Development normally perform routine inspections of all bridges throughout the parish as part of a Federal off-system Bridge Program, said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez.

“Once a structural problem was identified, we immediately began to work with Jefferson Parish engineering personnel to close the right lane,” Gonzalez said. “At the same time, we are currently working to develop a plan for repairs as soon as possible.”

Both the eastbound and westbound bridges over the Duncan Canal are more than 40 years old, Gonzalez said. That’s one reason both bridges were among 10 projects included in the Kenner 2030 Plan to be replaced to improve and beautify corridors and infrastructure throughout the city.

There is no timetable yet on when repairs will begin or how long they will take, Gonzalez said. Boh Brothers Construction Company, which has a bridge maintenance contract with the parish, will be involved in the estimation of needed repairs, and may or may not be selected to handle the repairs.

“The emergency repair shows exactly why the Duncan Canal project was included in the Kenner 2030 Plan and why the bond refinancing was so vitally important,” Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said. “This project has a dual purpose: revamping the corridor and taking care of critical parts of our infrastructure that are in dire need of repairs.”

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