



# CITY OF KENNER

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### GROUNDBREAKING ON WEDNESDAY FOR FIRST OF 2030 PROJECTS

**Kenner, LA.** – Groundbreaking for the first project in the Kenner 2030 Program to beautify and improve major corridors throughout the city will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the corner of Vintage Drive and Power Boulevard.

Onshore Materials, LLC was the low bidder on the Erlanger Road project at \$830,216, said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez. The project calls for a variety of improvements to the median between Vintage Drive and the lake, including a combination pedestrian/bike path with lighting, landscaping, public art and other amenities. The project is expected to take about nine months to complete.

Erlanger Road will be followed by eight more 2030 projects throughout the city at a total estimated cost of \$39 million. The city's portion – which will be paid for with proceeds from a refinanced sales tax bond – is \$24,500,000. The additional \$14,500,000 is expected to come from federal matching funds.

The 2030 Program was created, in part, by Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni's Economic Development Committee, organized in 2010 to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the city and take steps to attract young couples and new business to Kenner.

Yenni, who takes over as Jefferson Parish President on Jan. 6, said he believes the corridor overhauls will help to create a new identity for Kenner and spur new economic development.

"I am so excited to preside over this first groundbreaking before my tenure as mayor ends," Yenni said. "This marks five years of planning and hard work and will add safety and beauty that both existing residents and those looking to choose a place to live will appreciate."

Because of the refinancing of an existing tax millage, Kenner residents will see no increase in their yearly tax bill to pay for the 2030 projects.

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