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DETOURS IN PLACE FOR ONE OF TWO BRIDGE PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Kenner, LA. – A detour is now in place as crews continue to work on a \$1.3 million project that includes the resurfacing of a stretch of Veterans Boulevard from Belleview Boulevard to Sharon Street and the construction of a new bridge over Canal 17. The work is expected to be finished in about four to five months.

JB James Construction, LLC is the contractor on the project, which is actually the third and final phase of roadway related improvements along Veterans Boulevard between Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and Belleview. The job qualifies for 80 percent federal funding as part of the Federal Aid Urban Systems Program. Kenner will provide the 20 percent match.

Another bridge project - at 23rd Street and Canal No. 17 – also is underway. The existing bridge has been closed to traffic for years and the construction is not expected to impact motorists, said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez.

Cecil O. Gassiot, LLC won the contract with a bid of nearly \$950,000. There is no local match involved in this project because 80 percent of the cost comes from the federal government through the Federal Off System Bridge Rehabilitation Program. The state is paying the 20 percent match, and the program is being managed by the Jefferson Parish Engineering Department.

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