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## **CITY OF KENNER**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **KENNER WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY NO. 5**

**Kenner, LA.** - One more frigid night is in the forecast for Kenner and the metropolitan area. High temperatures in the mid 30s are expected to drop below to freezing again by about 9 p.m. and remain at or below freezing until about 8 or 9 a.m. Thursday. A Hard Freeze Warning issued by the National Weather Service is in effect for Kenner and most areas of the south shore until 9 a.m.

Of particular concern is ice that has melted during the day could refreeze overnight, particularly on bridges and elevated roadways, weather forecasters warned. Ice that refreezes on roads is difficult to detect, particularly at night and over asphalt. This ice, often referred to as black ice, may look like an area of water, if it is visible at all.

“We were fortunate not to get enough freezing rain to take down power lines and really cause serious problems,” Mayor Michael Yenni said. “However, the roads will still be dangerous overnight and early Thursday. Leave for work a few minutes early and drive carefully.”

All Kenner government offices will reopen on Thursday after being closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Portions of Interstate 10, including many exit ramps and eastbound on ramps, are being opened throughout the New Orleans metro area late Wednesday afternoon. In our area, westbound traffic on I-10 is being diverted to I-310 South as the Bonnet Carre spillway remains closed at this time.

The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge north bound only will open for a short window of time from 4:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m., the Causeway Bridge will remain closed until Thursday morning. Causeway overpasses at Veterans Boulevard, Airline Drive, and Jefferson Highway are now open.

DOTD is advising that all lanes are open on LA 3139, the Earhart Expressway, in both directions from Dickory Avenue to the Jefferson/Orleans parish line.

Motorists can access the latest updates on real-time traffic and road conditions using the 511 Traveler Information System by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region on which they are seeking information. Out-of-state travelers can call 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511). Travelers can also access this information by visiting the 511 Traveler Information Web site at [www.511la.org](http://www.511la.org).

Residents should play close attention to local news and radio stations for any updates. Information regarding weather conditions can also be found on the city’s website, [www.kenner.la.us](http://www.kenner.la.us), the Kenner Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/officialcityofkennergovernment> and Kenner’s Twitter handle @CityofKenner.

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