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RESURFACING AT WEST ESPLANADE/LOYOLA DRIVE TO BEGIN THURSDAY OR FRIDAY; EXPECT OCCASIONAL LANE CLOSURES

Kenner, LA - Work is expected to begin Thursday or Friday to resurface the intersection of Loyola Drive and West Esplanade Avenue. This will require occasional, brief lane closures.

The work is part of the Paths to Progress program and involves two phases. In the first phase, crews will cold mill, or remove, about 2 inches of the existing asphalt, an operation that should last no more than a day, according to Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez.

The cold milling will move quickly, and after the asphalt is removed, the intersection will remain in that condition for approximately two weeks. During that time, all lanes of the intersection will be open for traffic. Then crews will return to resurface the roadway with high quality asphalt, Gonzalez said.

The resurfacing phase of the program could also be completed in a single day take or could extend into two days. "Ideally, we would like to have two lanes open at all times, but it is possible there are some points when only one lane will be open," he said.

There will be alternating lane closures on both West Esplanade and Loyola Drive and the contractor will put up signs and use traffic barrels and flag men. In addition, Kenner police officers are expected to be on scene to help with traffic control.

The project is part of the Paths to Progress program, a joint effort between state and federal officials to rehabilitate and restore roadways in both Orleans and Jefferson parishes. About \$26 million of the \$90 million total budget for the program will be spent on Kenner roads at no cost to the city.

If you have any questions or concerns about this resurfacing job or any Paths to Progress project, call the hotline at 1-800-574-7193, or send an email to paths2progress@gmail.com. A map of the West Esplanade/Loyola Drive intersection resurfacing is available on Kenner's website at http://www.kenner.la.us/pages/section_307_316.asp.

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