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SECTION OF WEST ESPLANADE SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED BEGINNING MONDAY

Kenner, LA. – A 1,500-foot section of the right lane of eastbound West Esplanade Avenue by The Esplanade mall will be closed beginning Monday and for approximately three to four weeks to accommodate a utility relocation project, officials said.

The closure, in the 1500 block of West Esplanade by the easternmost entrance to The Esplanade, extends from the area where the right lane becomes a turn lane into the mall to Arkansas Avenue. A portion of the turning lane will remain open so that access into and out of the mall – including the restaurants and the theater – will not be affected.

There is currently rain in the forecast for Monday, making it possible that the closing could be delayed.

The closure will allow AT&T subcontractors to relocate a fiber optic cable at the Duncan Canal. That relocation is in advance of a 2030 project, scheduled to go out to bid in the spring of 2018, which involves the removal of the two existing bridges at West Esplanade and the Duncan Canal and the installation of a box culvert and U-turns.

The lane closure is expected to remain in place until the utility relocation, which involves drilling operations, is completed. The estimate of three to four weeks is dependent on weather conditions and the absence of any contractor delays.

Traffic control plans for the work include signs warning motorists approaching the road work, a merge sign, barricades and traffic cones. In addition, flaggers will be utilized whenever construction vehicles enter or exist the work zone.

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