



# CITY OF KENNER

## PRESS RELEASE

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MAYOR

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### CLOSURE ON WEST ESPLANADE FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS SET TO BEGIN MONDAY

**Kenner, LA.** – Beginning Monday, Feb. 6, one lane in each direction on West Esplanade Avenue will be closed for two to three months to accommodate the first phase of work to install two new turning lanes and a signalized crossing into the new Kenner Market Center.

The closure will be between Martinique and Billyday avenues. A pair of electronic message boards are already in place to notify motorists of the upcoming project, said Kenner Assistant Public Works Director Bill Duplaisir.

The improvements to West Esplanade Avenue and the crossing into the shopping complex are being paid for with a combination of funds, including contributions from Jefferson Parish, the city of Kenner and the developer.

Kenner Mayor Ben Zahn said the project benefits our residents and also will be an economic development stimulator by making it much easier to access the Kenner Market Center.

"There will certainly be some inconvenience while this project is underway," Zahn said, "but the end result will be something that I think everyone in the city, as well as shoppers visiting the area, will greatly appreciate."

Zahn said the issue has been something a number of officials from both Kenner and Jefferson Parish worked to make possible.

"As a Jefferson Parish councilman, I worked with the previous Kenner administration and the property owner to make this possible, along with tremendous help from Councilmen Keith Reynaud and Michael Sigur," Zahn said. "As mayor, I will work with the next Jefferson Parish council member for the district to make this a reality."

The first phase, involving drainage work, is expected to take six to eight months to complete, weather permitting and barring any contractor delays. A second phase will follow for the U-turns and crossover. Specific details on traffic impacts during the second phase will be released before that phase begins, officials said.

However, cooperation from the owner of property just southwest of the construction area provides work crews with a staging area and accounts for the expedited timeline for the work, officials said.

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Anyone with questions about the first phase of the project can contact the Jefferson Parish Department of Drainage at (504) 736-6753.

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