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REPAIRS TO WILLIAMS-VETERANS INTERSECTION EXPECTED TO LAST AT LEAST THROUGH THURSDAY

Kenner, LA. – Traffic will continue to be restricted at the busy intersection of Williams Boulevard and Veterans Boulevard at least through Thursday evening as crews work to repair a water line rupture and resulting infrastructure damage, officials said.

The 12-inch water line was struck accidentally around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday by a crew working on a fiber optic project on northbound Williams Boulevard at the intersection, officials said.

Officials from the Jefferson Parish Water Department will oversee the repair to the water line. Because Williams is a state roadway, officials from the Department of Transportation and Development are assessing the damage to determine a repair plan for the roadway.

Kenner's Public Works Department provided 38 traffic cones and 3 message boards to help with traffic diversion, said Assistant Public Works Director Bill Duplaisir. Kenner police officers will be at the intersection "for the duration" to direct traffic, said Brian McGregor, Public Information Officer for the department.

Duplaisir said officials were able to shut off water to the immediate area within hours of the rupture without affecting nearby businesses and residents.

Motorists are advised to make detour plans, particularly during Thursday's morning rush-hour traffic, to avoid being caught in what is expected to be lengthy traffic delays.

On Williams Boulevard, southbound traffic cannot turn east on Veterans and northbound traffic is limited to a single lane. On Veterans, eastbound traffic must go either north or southbound at Williams while westbound traffic is being diverted at Georgia Avenue.

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