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## News Release

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## REPAIR WORK TO WILLIAMS-VETERANS INTERSECTION TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY NIGHT

**Kenner, LA.** – Work on a permanent repair on a section of northbound Williams Boulevard at the intersection with Veterans Boulevard will begin Saturday at 8 p.m. and continue through 5 a.m. Monday, according to state Department of Transportation and Development officials.

"We are happy the state is doing as much of this work as possible overnight and avoiding the peak traffic periods during the week," Mayor Ben Zahn said. "However, traffic delays are inevitable, and we ask motorists to plan ahead and to avoid the intersection if at all possible."

The state DOTD is in charge of the work because Williams Boulevard is a state road. In December, a 12-inch water main was ruptured by a contractor working on a fiber optic project, flooding the intersection and creating a sinkhole about 50 feet wide. Temporary repairs allowed the busy intersection to be quickly reopened.

The permanent fix will require the LA DOTD to close the intersection at two different intervals. The first, from 8 p.m. Saturday to 5 a.m. Monday, will allow for the damaged asphalt to be repaired. Another closure is scheduled from 9 p.m. on Monday through 5 a.m. Tuesday to install the wiring needed for the traffic lights.

Since the damage was on the east side of Williams, the southbound lanes will not be affected by the work. DOTD officials plan to keep one lane of northbound Williams open at all times.

According to the state Department of Transportation and Development, access to businesses and residents in the area will be maintained and all vehicles 12-feet wide or smaller will be allowed to pass through the construction zone.

Traffic heading eastbound and westbound on Veterans will be required to use detours to navigate the area. Motorists are advised to plan ahead if they need to travel in the area while the work is ongoing and rely on alternate routes to avoid the intersection.

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The state has message boards in place to notify motorists, and barricades and police will also be used to assist with traffic control during the repairs. Barriere Construction will perform the repairs at a cost of \$254,960. Officials will seek reimbursement of costs from the contractor responsible for damaging the water line.

According to LA DOTD, 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). Additionally, real-time around-the-clock New Orleans traffic updates can be accessed via Twitter @NOLA\_Traffic.

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