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MOTORISTS URGED TO AVOID WILLIAMS-VETERANS INTERSECTION

UNDERGROUND WATER MAIN RUPTURED

Kenner, LA. – Motorists are advised to avoid the intersection of Williams and Veterans boulevards due to the accidental rupture of a water main, Kenner Emergency Management Director Doug Dodt said.

A contractor performing fiber optic work inadvertently hit a major water main beneath the northbound lanes of Williams Boulevard shortly after 12:30 p.m., Dodt said. Water is bubbling up through multiple street panels and curbs in the intersection.

All eastbound traffic on Veterans at Williams is being diverted north and south on Williams while westbound Veterans traffic is being diverted back east at Georgia. There is currently only one northbound Williams lane open.

There is no estimate yet on how long it will take to make repairs and reopen the intersection, although it is likely to be an extended period of time, Dodt said. Officials with the state Department of Transportation and Development have been notified. Manual traffic controls are in place and officials report very heavy traffic on both Williams and Veterans.

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