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STATE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO FAST-TRACK WORK ON I-10 INTERCHANGE TO AIRPORT TERMINAL

Kenner, LA. - Gov. John Bel Edwards announced this week that the state is going to apply \$10 million from a federal grant to fast-track the work to develop a connection from the Loyola Drive interchange on the interstate with the new North Terminal.

A study is currently underway to come up with the best plan to modify the Loyola Drive interchange. A flyover ramp has been mentioned as a likely possibility. Once that study is complete, officials can use the \$10 million – which came from a \$60 million federal Fastlane grant for road projects – to begin work on the project while legislators find the money for what is expected to be a \$90 million project.

The \$10 million will be used to acquire right-of-ways and to remove utilities as soon as state officials have finalized plans for a design plan for the airport access to the interstate.

Edwards said Tuesday the grant will greatly speed up the process of designing and building a way for motorists to easily access the North Terminal from I-10.

Currently, plans call for traffic to enter and exit the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport at ground level. A re-designed Loyola/I-10 interchange would relieve what is expected to be significant ground-level traffic into and out of the airport.

“This is wonderful news for the city of Kenner, as well as for airport travelers in general,” Kenner Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said. “There’s no doubt the residents and businesses in that area will be affected by traffic, and the sooner a direct connection to the interstate can be built, the better for everyone.”

The new North Terminal will have two concourses with 30 gates, as well as a 2,000-space parking garage. It is expected to be finished by late 2018. Work at the site began about six months ago.

Sigur thanked Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La. and Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La. for helping to secure the Fastlane grant.

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