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LAKE TRAIL DRAINAGE PROJECT WILL END 20 YEARS OF FLOODING PROBLEMS

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said Friday that securing the nearly \$1 million needed for the final phase of a drainage project on Lake Trail Drive that’s been badly needed for decades is a true example of teamwork in action.

“A resident reminded me that the efforts to correct the occasional street flooding this area has endured has been going on for nearly 20 years,” Yenni. “And that is so true. A number of administrations have worked hard only to have to turn over the problem to the next administration. I am very proud these improvements will be made under my watch.”

Yenni thanked the residents who have been pushing for the drainage work and dealing with the flooding for so long for their perseverance and patience.

Several district council members have worked hard on this issue over the years – Jeannie Black, Ben Zahn and current District 3 Councilman Keith Reynaud, Yenni said, who added that former Councilwoman Michele Branigan also was a part of many meetings. “I also want to thank the engineers who came up with the solution and Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez, who has managed to come up with different patchwork solutions as the fight to get state money dragged on,” he said.

A special thank you goes to the area’s state legislators – Sen. Danny Martiny and Rep. Julie Stokes, according to Yenni.

“They both lobbied hard, particularly Julie, who learned what a passionate issue this is while knocking doors in her district and never stopped working to get the 75 percent funding from the state’s Capital Outlay Program.”

In the future, a groundbreaking for the project will be held, combined with an informational meeting provide more specific details about the work to be performed. A date for that groundbreaking has not yet been scheduled.

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