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### FUNDING NOW IN PLACE TO COMPLETE LAKE TRAIL DRAINAGE PROJECT

**Kenner, LA.** – The necessary funding is now in place to seek bidders for the second phase of a Lake Trail drainage improvement project, Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni announced on Thursday.

The nearly \$970,000 project will address the occasional street flooding that has been a significant issue for residents in the area. Lake Trail, one of the first streets developed in northeast Kenner, is lower than many adjacent streets.

“We made a promise to residents that we would come up with a solution to this problem, and the only reason it has taken this long has been coming up with the 75 percent state funding under the Capital Outlay Program needed for the work,” Yenni said.

The first phase of the Lake Trail project, completed about a year ago, focused on drainage improvements near the Lake Pontchartrain levee. The second phase will pay for the construction of a mini-pump station that will be located in the median of westbound Vintage Drive at Lake Trail, said Kenner Public Works Director Jose Gonzalez.

Yenni said his administration budgeted sufficient money in this year’s capital project budget to handle the 25 percent local match required, confident that the state would come up with the rest of the money.

He credited two members of Kenner’s legislative delegation - Rep. Julie Stokes and Sen. Danny Martiny - for guiding the request through the capital outlay process in Baton Rouge, and also noted the support and assistance from District 3 Councilman Keith Reynaud.

Once a low bidder is selected for the job, construction could begin in January or February, 2016, assuming no unexpected delays, Gonzalez said.

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