



## TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT

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*For Immediate Release*

The City of Kenner is pleased to announce that it has been selected to participate in the 2011-2013 Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The city has been awarded an amount of \$423,400 to improve sidewalks on the east side of south Williams Boulevard to a matching brick design, added median improvements and landscaping, improved LED light bulbs and globes for the already present 1920's circa New Orleans ornamental street light fixtures, high visibility cross-walks, two brick decorative pedestrian crossings, and the inclusion of bike racks and channels along the stairwells leading to the levee at La Salle's Landing.

As a locally recognized historic district and Louisiana Byway corridor, the district qualified for federal funding by meeting specific guidelines that would help improve bicycle and pedestrian opportunities and making aesthetic improvements to transportation related facilities within the district. With the acceptance of this cost reimbursable award the city will be afforded the opportunity to preserve and revitalize a once thriving commercial center in Jefferson Parish.

The development of this application was the result of a two year effort to improve the aesthetic character of Rivertown by the city's Department of Planning and Zoning. With the inclusion of this streetscape improvement the city hopes to attract new local businesses and visitors to the local historic district while providing increased opportunities for cyclists and pedestrians.