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MAYOR YENNI, CITY COUNCIL JOIN IN AIRPORT KICKOFF

They Praise Collaboration Among Cities, Parishes & Airport

Kenner Mayor Michael S. Yenni told a group of area public officials and business leaders Wednesday that the strong relationship between his city and the airport translates to a growing revenue base for both entities.

He said he looks forward to the beginning of several projects that are part of nearly \$400 million worth of new facilities and renovations to take place during the next three years.

Yenni's comments were made before a packed house at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to announce the start of construction of a new \$74 million consolidated rental car (CONRAC) facility.

When completed in late 2012, CONRAC will be a three-level building that will increase the airport's car rental capacity from 800 to 1,800 vehicles; centralize car rental operations from rental lot sites scattered in and around the airport campus, and bring access much closer to airport patrons.

The event was originally planned as a ground breaking, but was moved indoors because of the possibility of inclement weather. Council Members Michele Branigan, Jeannie Black, Gregory Carroll, Joe Stagni, and Maria DeFrancesch, and Police Chief Steve Caraway took part in the event. All of them wished the airport success with the projects.

Guests were welcomed by the airport's new director Iftikhar Ahmad who recently had been director of the airport in Dayton, Ohio.



Kenner Mayor Michael S. Yenni (left) listens to a description of the new consolidated rental car facility at Louis Armstrong Airport by airport director Iftikhar Ahmad at a construction kickoff announcement event. – Photo by Barry Sprague

The project was designed by Coover-Clark & Associates and is being built by Satterfield & Pontikes Construction Group. Project funding is through customer facility charges.

Ahmad noted that the new facility will not only provide more convenience for passengers because of consolidation and closer location, it will reduce traffic by eliminating the need for shuttle buses to and from individual rental lots.

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