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Move Ascension Transportation Initiative Begins First Project

Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa announced today that the first task order for Move Ascension has been issued.

The Move Ascension initiative is a multi-million dollar construction project designed to improve multiple parish transportation corridors, serving parts of the Gonzales area and North Ascension.

“We are moving forward with this project and more with no additional cost to taxpayers,” said Matassa. The parish has budgeted \$35 million to the Move Ascension initiative, including proceeds from a newly authorized bond issue, reserve funds, and traffic impact fees.

The Parish Council recently approved President Matassa’s proposal for improvements to Roddy Road between Airline Highway and Highway 42. The project will widen Roddy Road for safer and timelier travel.

Task Order Number 1 was issued to T. Baker Smith, LLC for engineering design and services relative to the safety widening on Roddy Road from Highway 935 (Bayou Narcisse Road) to Highway 621. It includes three left-turn lanes at the Roddy/935 intersection, four left-turn lanes and one right-turn lane at the Roddy/621 intersection, and replacement of the bridge over Black Bayou. The total cost for these services is not to exceed \$601,855.

“I commend my staff and our consultants for putting this together quickly, so we can get traffic moving,” added Matassa. “I especially want to thank the Council for their support and assistance.”

Future projects under the Move Ascension initiative include roundabouts on Roddy Road, improvements to Henry Road, and a connector road from Ashland Road to Edenborne Parkway.

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