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SEN. MORRELL ANNOUNCES STATE PLANS
TO INVEST OVER \$19 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS
IN ORLEANS & WEST JEFFERSON PARISHES

STATE BOND COMMISSION APPROVAL EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

The state plans to move forward with vital new capital improvement projects in Orleans and West Jefferson Parishes totaling over \$19 million. The announcement came before a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay in Baton Rouge. District 3 State Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell (D-New Orleans) is a member of the committee. Projects relating to quality of life issues, health care, higher education and drainage are on the state's list for funding this state budget year.

"It's a great day for the West Bank of Jefferson and Orleans Parish as several important and worthwhile projects are moving forward to improve the quality of life and economic opportunities for citizens in the area," Sen. Morrell said. "I will continue to work in the coming term to bring home much-needed dollars for capital improvements in West Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes."

The approved projects list which will be recommended to the State Bond Commission for lines of credit includes:

New Orleans East Hospital Planning & Construction (\$8.1 million)
Parc De Familles (\$3.445 million)
UNO Human Performing Arts Center Renovation (\$5.1 million)
Gretna Center for the Performing Arts Planning and Construction (\$600,000)
City Park Splash Park Planning and Construction (\$500,000)
Southern University ADA Compliance (\$100,000)
Woodland West Drainage Improvements (\$50,000)
Breux Ditch Improvements at East Ames (\$1.225)

The State Bond Commission is scheduled to consider the lines of credit for the projects to move forward at its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 20th in Baton Rouge.

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