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President Kenny Matassa Unifies Department of Public Works to Save Money & Improve Efficiencies

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa announced today the unification of Parish Government’s roads, drainage and fleet operations into a single Department of Public Works. Previously, these operations were divided among three different departments with different management on each side of the Mississippi River.

“Public works is at the heart of Parish Government, and as long as I’m Parish President, public works will be about public service,” said President Matassa. “This unification ends duplication of effort among employees and enhances customer service. We have the potential to realize millions in savings that could be reinvested into roads and drainage, with the priority placed on having available funds to jump start major transportation projects in Ascension Parish.”

The unified Department of Public Works will break down into the following sections:

- Engineering
- Pavement Management
- Drainage Management
- Vegetation Management
- Fleet Management

“There will be no more guessing about who installs culverts, manages ditches or cuts the grass on parish right-of-ways,” said Bill Roux, the new director of the unified Department of Public Works. “There will now be a single structure to plan, manage, and evaluate our roads and drainage needs.”

Roux added that technological upgrades will be coming to the Department of Public Works, and the improved management of resources will put Ascension Parish in a better position to secure state and federal funding.