

Description of Programs

Southeast Louisiana Flood Control Program (SELA):

The purpose of SELA is to reduce damages due to flooding by improving segments of the Parish's primary drainage system so that the system is capable of handling a 10-year design storm.

SELA is a joint Parish/Federal Program consisting presently of 55 projects. The program began in 1996 and with 32 projects completed to date the Program is projected for completion by the year-end of 2007. The SELA Program is supported 75% by federal funding and 25% by local funding. The estimated current cost for all projects within the SELA Program is 360 million dollars and an additional 140 million are in the study stage.

Louisiana Community Development Authority Program (LCDA):

The purpose of LCDA is to provide improved drainage in residential areas that have consistently shown high damage claims to homes due to flooding.

LCDA presently consists of 24 drainage improvement projects throughout the Parish. The Program began in 1999 and all approved projects within the Program are scheduled for completion by the year-end of 2004. The estimated current cost for all projects within the LCDA Program is 32 million dollars. Funding sources for the LCDA Program include: Drainage and Sewerage Taxes and the LA Community Development Authority Loan Program.

Road Bond Improvement Program (RBI):

The purpose of the Road Bond Improvement Program is to improve traffic movement within the major corridors of the Parish by rehabilitating existing streets, providing new improvements (such as turn lanes or U-turns) to improve traffic efficiency and the addition of traffic lanes. Improvements are also being made to existing water, sewer and drainage systems.

In February of 2003, the Parish Council adopted an Ordinance that added 30 new projects to the Road Program and increased the Program Cap to \$200 Million. The Program now consists of 95 road improvement projects throughout the Parish, which are funded primarily from the sale of Revenue Bonds by Jefferson Parish.

The Road Bond Program began in December of 1997 and all approved projects within the Program are scheduled for completion by the year-end of 2005. As mentioned above, the program receives the majority of its funding from Revenue Bonds, but additional sources of revenue include matching Federal Aid Urban Systems Fund and contributions from Gretna, The West Jefferson Levee District, The Greater New Orleans Expressway (Causeway) Commission, The Crescent City Connection and The Jefferson Parish Sewer and Water Departments.

Sewerage Capital Improvement Program (SCIP):

SCIP's purpose is to provide improved sewer service to the residents of the Parish including the upgrade and rehabilitation of existing sewer lines and facilities and the construction and installation of new facilities and sewer lines.

SCIP consists of approximately forty (40) active sewer capital projects throughout the Parish.

