



## **Speed Limit on Airport Access Road Raised**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- May 17, 2006 --- Today, the speed limit on the Airport Access Road connecting I-10 to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport will be raised from 35 MPH to 45 MPH.

In 2001, the Airport took major steps to improve the Airport Access Road, specifically the area from I-10 to the intersection with Airline Drive. The \$9.7 Million project was funded with \$5.0 million in state/federal highway funds, \$1.88 million in TIME funds and \$2.82 in discretionary funds from the Aviation Board. Part of the reconstruction included the widening of the roadway, installation of a center median divider, landscaping and lighting. Following the completion of the project, the Airport requested that its traffic engineers, Urban Systems, complete a traffic study. This study reviewed speed characteristics and signage to determine if any changes were needed. Urban Systems, Chief Executive Officer Mike Palamone stated "The improvements to the roadway have brought the road up to modern highway standards. An increase in the posted speed limit will have a positive effect on vehicle speeds as it is a more realistic posted speed limit provides the passengers and the many Kenner and St Charles Parish residents who use the roadway with a more pleasant experience," concluded Palamone.

Roy Williams, Director of Aviation at Armstrong International stated, "The New Orleans Aviation Board, the City of New Orleans Police Department, the City of Kenner, the Kenner Police Department and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development have all worked together to keep this important highway link safe, and to improve it to permit higher posted speeds."

The 45 MPH speed limit is only in place on the north-south portion of the roadway and reduces to 25 MPH as you approach the curve on the southern end. The speed limit on the east-west portion as you near the terminal building remains at 25 MPH. This east-west portion of the roadway remains undivided.

The refurbished Airport Access Road was dedicated in April 2002 and renamed the Jerome S. Glazer Airport Access Road after long standing Aviation Chairman, Jerome S. Glazer. Mr. Glazer, a businessman and philanthropist served on the Aviation Board for 18 years and was its Chairman from 1972 until 1987.

For further information on Armstrong International Airport, refer to the Airport's web site at [www.flymsy.com](http://www.flymsy.com).