

# News Release

## Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

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### Our Mission Is:

"Provide the services, leadership, and vision to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish."

Aaron F. Broussard Parish  
President

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### Jefferson Parish Bridges Inspected Yearly

Jefferson Parish owns and maintains 215 bridges throughout the parish. Most of these bridges are small, short-span bridges.

The definition of a bridge includes any canal crossing longer than 19 feet. Examples of such structures are pipe/box culvert crossings or pile supported structures.

Jefferson Parish's longest bridges are the ones on Lapalco Boulevard over the Harvey Canal and over Bayou Segnette on the West Bank and the bridge on Causeway Boulevard over Veterans Boulevard in Metairie.

Jefferson Parish bridges are inspected on a yearly basis either by qualified Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development personnel or parish personnel. The parish also allocates funds on a yearly basis to address bridge maintenance issues.

Bridges in our area that could resemble the one in Minneapolis that collapsed are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation and Development.

Media inquiries regarding the parish's bridge safety and inspection program should be directed to Mark Drewes, Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Engineering, at 736-6511.