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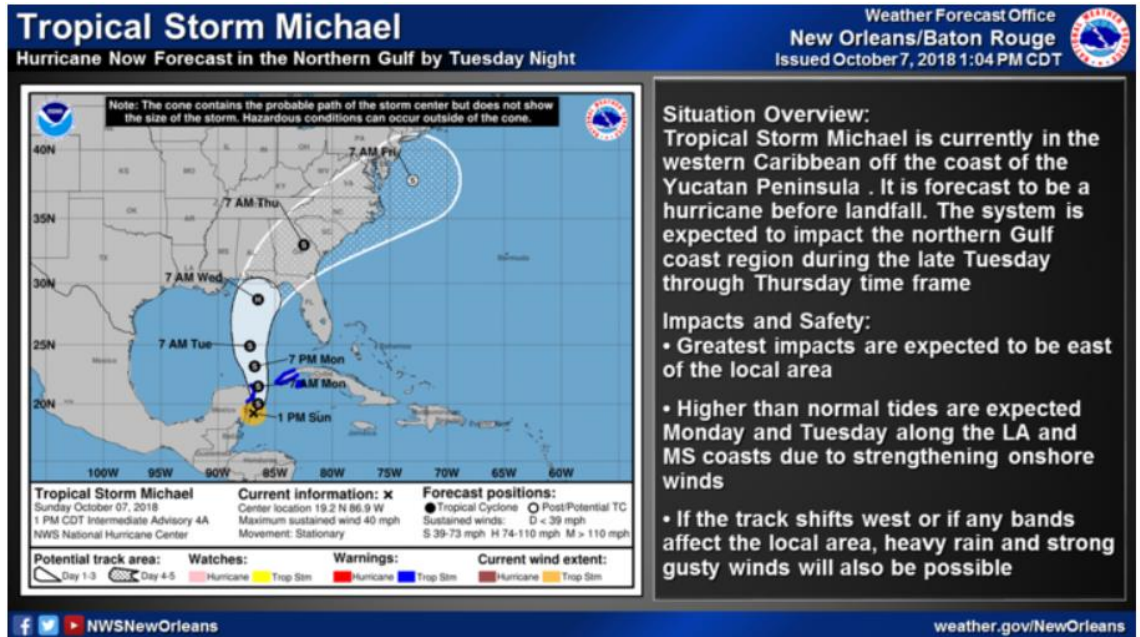
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FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SEVERAL FLOOD GATES DUE TO T.S. MICHAEL

New Orleans, LA – Beginning Monday, October 8, 2018 the Flood Protection Authority East, which manages and operates the flood protection system in New Orleans, East Jefferson, and St. Bernard Parish, will begin closing a number of flood gates due to the potential impacts of Tropical Storm Michael. Working with our partners at the Port of New Orleans, The New Orleans Public Belt, and DOTD, flood gates along Lake Pontchartrain, the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and St. Bernard Parish are set for closing out of an abundance of caution. These are key areas that are more susceptible to the effects of high tide expected from this storm system. Currently Bayou Dupre and Bayou Bienvenue sector gates are closed.

According to the National Weather Service, a Coastal Flood Advisory in effect for our area from 7:00 am Monday to 7:00 pm Tuesday. Coastal Flooding could reach 1 to 2 feet above ground level for portions of coastal Mississippi, portions of the Louisiana coast east of the Mississippi River outside of the hurricane protection levees, and along the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and Maurepas outside of the hurricane protection levees.

Tropical Storm Michael is currently in the western Caribbean Sea near the Yucatan Peninsula. It is forecast to make landfall along northern Gulf coast region as a category 1 hurricane mid-week. Currently, the main tropical impacts look to stay east of the area. We will continue to work with the National Weather Service and monitor this storm providing updates as necessary.



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