

## Community Update – August 1, 2023 St. Roch Drainage Upgrades

First and foremost, thank you for your continued patience. We recognize that temporary inconveniences do tend to accompany infrastructure upgrades and we are grateful for your continued patience as crews work to finish the project by the anticipated fall 2024 end date.

In recent months, leaders from the City Infrastructure Team have been conducting site visits and working closely with the combined Sewerage and Water Board New Orleans (SWBNO) / Department of Public Works (DPW) project management and construction contractor team. We are committed to holding all members of the team accountable for finding solutions for the issues as identified during construction, as well as to getting this work completed with an improved quality of life for the community. The following is an update on completing this project by the anticipated fall 2024 end date.

## **30-Day Forecast**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and Command Construction Industries, LLC. have completed repairs to the water lines and water main on N. Villere. Water utility upgrades are being performed on the side streets and plan to be finished by the end of August. Starting the week after waterline completion and running into the summer, Command will be testing and constructing sewer lines, as well as the construction of storm drain lines on the following blocks:

- 2200-2500 BLOCKS OF NORTH VILLERE ST
- 1300-1400 MARIGNY ST
- 1300-1400 MANDEVILLE ST

- 1300-1400 SPAIN ST
- 1300-1400 MUSIC ST
- 1300-1400 ARTS ST

The \$18.1 M St. Roch Drainage Upgrades infrastructure project with the City of New Orleans' Department of Public Works and Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans is intended to help alleviate flooding by increasing the capacity of subsurface drainage between local streets and trunk lines by using green infrastructure options which may include retention/detention basins, street basins, rain gardens, and street-side bioswales. This work is part of the FEMA funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)'s Leveraged Gray / Green Infrastructure projects and is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2024.

The scope of work varies block by block but includes the following:

- Replacement of damaged underground water, sewer and drainage lines;
- Contractor continuing to work on water between Elysian Fields and St Roch. Anticipate another 1-2 weeks to complete the waterline work. Once complete contractor will start sewer work.
- Anticipate starting the sewer work the week of August 14, 2023.

## How to Stay Informed

Questions about this project may be directed to <u>roadwork@nola.gov</u> or to our RoadworkNOLA hotline 504.658.ROAD (7623) or sign up for RoadworkNOLA text alerts by texting ROADWORK to 77295, or go to ready.nola.gov/alerts to create a whole profile and select the "roadwork" alert list.