

French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project – Phase 2 Status Update – October 12, 2018

The City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works and Sewerage & Water Board began a full reconstruction project on Bourbon Street from St. Louis to Dumaine streets (500-800 blocks) on September 17, 2018. Work will occur sequentially from the 500 – 800 blocks, <u>with ONLY one block</u> fenced off at a time throughout construction. All businesses along this corridor will remain open and accessible throughout construction. The \$9.5 million cost-shared project, which is anticipated to run through June 2019, was designed by Mott McDonald, LLC and will be constructed by Hard Rock Construction, LLC. Project partners include Entergy Electric, Entergy Gas, Cox Communications and AT&T.



Traffic Status

500 Block and St. Louis Intersection Remain Closed

Hard Rock Construction, LLC has completed installing the fence and temporary lighting in the 500 block of Bourbon Street. River bound traffic has been re-routed from the 500 block of Bourbon St. between St. Louis and Toulouse streets. *Good News! The St. Louis intersection is now scheduled to reopen by the end of the week - approximately two weeks ahead of schedule.* The 400 block of Bourbon and 700/800 blocks of St. Louis streets are closed to through traffic until the St. Louis intersection reopens; flaggers are on site at St. Louis and Royal and St. Louis and Dauphine while crews are working, but they may move from their positions to direct construction deliveries as needed.

Entergy Electric & Gas

Entergy Gas will continue working in the 750 block from Orleans to St. Ann. Entergy Electric will continue construction in the 750 block of Bourbon St between Orleans and St. Ann. There will be no intersections closed; however, <u>there will be temporary street closures of Bourbon in the 700 block between 8:00 am</u> <u>and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday</u>. As usual Entergy will accommodate the public, businesses, and deliveries to the best of their ability.

Future Intersection Closure – Toulouse and Bourbon streets

Hard Rock Construction will close the intersection of Toulouse and Bourbon streets on or around October 25 so that crews can complete the installation of utilities. This intersection will not close until the intersection of St. Louis and Bourbon streets have reopened to vehicular traffic.

Upcoming Week Work Plan

- Saturday, Oct. 13 (Weather Permitting): Crews will continue water line work in the 500 block roadway and installation of the syphon in the St. Louis intersection.
- Sunday, Oct. 14 (Weather Permitting): Crews will continue water line work in the 500 block roadway.

Monday, Oct. 15 – Friday, Oct. 19 (Weather Permitting): Crews will continue water line work in the 500 block roadway, and work on the syphon in the St. Louis intersection. Crews will also be lining the sewer main the 500, 700 and 800 blocks. Crews will also repair the damaged bollards in the 400 block of Bourbon Street.

Overall Project Sequence of Construction

Block	Tentative Schedule (Fence in place / Closed to Vehicular Traffic)		* Approximate Total Days Per Block (Including Sidewalks)
500 (St. Louis – Toulouse)	9/24/18 – 11/9/18		75 Days
600 (Toulouse – St. Peter)	11/10/18 – 1/21/19		75 Days
700 (St. Peter – St. Ann)	1/22/19 – 2/15/19, 3/7/19 - 4/6/19		75 Days
800 (St. Ann – Dumaine)	4/7/19 – 6/12/19		75 Days
Total Days *Once the contractor moves the fence to the next block, sidewalks in the previous block will be worked on simultaneously			250 Working Days Total (exclusive of weather / events days)

Mardi Gras Demobilization

The contractor will completely demobilize all labor and materials including fencing from the site and temporarily backfill any trenches by close of business on February 18, two weeks in advance of Mardi Gras, to minimize pedestrian and vehicular traffic disruption. The contractor will return to the site to resume operations on March 7, 2019.

Demobilization for other Events / Holidays:

The Contractor must contain equipment and materials within the block that is fenced off. No work will take place during the following event days or holidays: Vodoo Music and Arts Experience (10/26-10/28), Halloween (work shutdown at 4pm) Bayou Classic / Thanksgiving)11/22-11/25), Christmas / New Year's Eve / Sugar Bowl (12/24-1/2/2019), French Quarter Fest (4/11-4/14), Jazz Fest (4/26-4/28 and 5/2-5/5).

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AT&T Service Outage Reporting Process

To ensure service restoration and proper credit, AT&T residential customers MUST report problems to 1-800-288-2020. Business customers MUST report problems to 1-877-438-0041. After reporting problems to AT&T, customers may also send e-mail to roadwork@nola.gov to help expedite the process.

Garbage Corrals

Garbage must be placed in appropriate corrals at the end of each intersecting block (St. Louis, Toulouse, etc.) between 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please refrain from leaving garbage cans on the Bourbon St. sidewalk as we are required to maintain pedestrian access.

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