

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project – Phase 2 Status Update – October 18, 2019

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 is occurring sequentially from the 500 – 800 blocks, <u>with ONLY one block fenced off at a time throughout</u> <u>construction</u>. All businesses along this corridor are open and accessible throughout construction.

The project is now substantially complete. The contractor has fully reconstructed the roadway between St. Louis and Dumaine streets (500-800 blocks) with upsized drainage, A stronger, safer, and more beautiful Bourbon Street is coming!

— Mayor LaToya Cantrell

a better sewer system, new sidewalks and new, smoother pavement. Additionally, the lighting and security have been upgraded between St. Louis and Dumaine streets. Entergy Gas and Entergy Electric have also completed upgrades in those blocks. The remainder of the project is anticipated to be complete by mid-November.

The \$9.5 million cost-shared project was designed by Mott McDonald, LLC and is being constructed by Hard Rock Construction, LLC. Project partners include Entergy Electric, Entergy Gas, Cox Communications and AT&T.

## Attend our "Conversation on the Corner"

If needed, the next bi-weekly community status meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, St. Joseph Salon.

## **Punch List Items**

Hard Rock crews will continue working on the list of items identified during a preliminary inspection of the project Monday in the 500 - 800 blocks of Bourbon Street. Punch list activity will last through the month of October.

#### **Bollard Installation**

Installation of the moveable bollard system, which will enhance public safety in the 500-750 blocks of Bourbon Street, is now complete, with the exception of a few repairs. For more information on the Matador Bollard System, click <u>here</u>.

500 Block (St. Louis to Toulouse) All major construction has been completed. Work on punch list items is under way.

#### 600 Block (Toulouse to St. Peter)

All major construction has been completed. Work on punch list items is under way.

#### 700 Block (St. Peter to Orleans)

All major construction has been completed. Work on punch list items is under way.

#### 750 Block (Orleans to St. Ann)

All major construction has been completed. Work on punch list items is under way.

#### 800 Block (St. Ann to Dumaine)

The roadway has now reopened to vehicular traffic. Crews have removed the existing sidewalk between 824 and

830 Bourbon Street and are now installing the granite curb. The concrete base will be installed early next week followed by bricks.

## 900 Block

Crews have completed the concrete pours in the 900 block sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps.

# Roadway Closure - St. Ann Reconstruction Project

AT&T's contractor, Grady Crawford, is currently relocating their facilities. Entergy Electric is also continuing to update their facilities. Residents and commuters should anticipate 24 hour roadway closures while they complete their work. The City / SWBNO are in the process of designing the sewer, water and drainage work for this block. Once City / SWBNO work begins in the October timeframe, the block will be fenced off; specific scheduling details will follow in a future update.

## Roadway Closure - Conti Reconstruction Project

The City is in the process of designing a full reconstruction project of Conti Street between Bourbon and Chartres streets. Ahead of construction, the City's contractor is doing exploratory trenching to identify the exact locations of the underground utilities. Trenching activities have been completed in the 600 block. On October 16, trenching activities began in the 700 block; this work is anticipated to be complete by the end of next week. **NOTE:** The 700 block is closed to vehicular traffic while crews are working. Once City / SWBNO work begins in after Mardi Gas 2020, the block will be fenced off; specific scheduling details will follow in a future update.

# Please Help Us Get the Message Out

We want to ensure that this information is reaching as many people as possible – French Quarter businesses, residents, hospitality workers, etc. Please help us to get the message out by sharing our weekly updates with your neighbors, staff; post in your breakrooms, on intranets, etc. If you wish to have anyone or any group added to our distribution list, please send an e-mail to roadwork@nola.gov. Thank you!

## 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 between 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please refrain from leaving garbage cans on Bourbon St. as pedestrian access must be maintained. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

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