

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project — Phase 2 Status Update – September 20, 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, with ONLY one block fenced off at a time throughout construction. All businesses along this corridor are open and accessible throughout construction.

A stronger, safer, and more beautiful Bourbon Street is coming!

— Mayor LaToya Cantrell

The City is roughly ninety-five percent complete with the project; the contractor has fully reconstructed the

roadway between St. Louis and St. Ann streets (500-750 blocks) with upsized drainage, a better sewer system, new sidewalks and new, smoother pavement. Additionally, the lighting and security have been upgraded between St. Louis and St. Peter streets. Entergy Gas and Entergy Electric have also completed upgrades in those blocks.

The \$9.5 million cost-shared project, which is anticipated to run through fall 2019, 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"

The next Phase 2 bi-weekly community status meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, St. Joseph Salon.

#### **UPDATED - Bollard Installation**

Installation of the moveable bollard system, which will enhance public safety in the 500-750 blocks of Bourbon Street, began on Monday in the 500 block. Crews are currently working in the 750 block; once they are complete, they will move back to the 500 block and move sequentially through the 700 block. This activity requires temporary closures of the block crews are working in to vehicular traffic. Only one block will be closed at a time for this activity. For more information on the Matador Bollard System, click <a href="here">here</a>.

# Upcoming Roadway Closure - 500 Block (St. Louis to Toulouse)

All major construction has been completed. Crews completed installing the bollards near the St. Louis intersection; they will return to work on the bollard near the Toulouse intersection this weekend. This activity requires a temporary closure to vehicular traffic while crews are working.

# Upcoming Roadway Closure - 600 Block (Toulouse to St. Peter)

All major construction has been completed. Bollard installation, which will require a temporary closure to vehicular traffic, will begin in the next few days. While the bollards are being installed, Entergy Electric will complete an electrical duct bank in the roadway. Hard Rock will also be installing a fire service that is required by the State Fire Marshall at 626 Bourbon. The block will be closed for approximately one week for the abovementioned activities.

## Upcoming Roadway Closure - 700 Block (St. Peter to Orleans)

All major construction has been completed. Bollard installation, which will require a temporary closure to vehicular traffic up to one week, will begin once this activity has been completed in the 600 block.



#### Roadway Closure - 750 Block (Orleans to St. Ann)

Crews are in the process of restoring the riverside sidewalk following installation of a conduit. Crews are also in the process of completing the bollard installation in this block; this activity will be wrapped up this weekend.

## Roadway Closure - 800 Block (St. Ann to Dumaine)

Crews are continuing to work on sidewalks. Crews are expected to pour the concrete base for the riverside sidewalk early next week. The concrete pour on the lakeside sidewalks will follow by a couple of days. Access ramps have been installed at all residences and businesses.

## Roadway Closure - 900 Block

Crews are expected to pour the concrete base for the riverside sidewalk early next week. The concrete pour on the lakeside sidewalk will follow by a couple of days. Access ramps have been installed at all residences and businesses.

# 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.

## **Overall Project Sequence of Construction**

Block	Tentative Schedule (Fence in place)		* Approximate Total Days Per Block (Including Sidewalks)
500 (St. Louis – Toulouse)	9/24/18 – 11/30/18		75 Days
600 (Toulouse – St. Peter)	12/03/18 – 1/27/19		75 Days
700 (St. Peter – St. Ann)	1/27/19 – 2/17/19, 5/20/19 – 7/8/2019		75 Days
800/ 900 (St. Ann – Dumaine and 40ft into the 900 block)	7/8/19 — 8/28/19		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)	

## 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 here.

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