

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project — Phase 2 Status Update – August 23, 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.

The City is roughly seventy percent complete with the project; the contractor has fully reconstructed the roadway between St. Louis and Orleans streets (500-700 blocks) with upsized drainage, a better sewer system, new

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

Mayor LaToya Cantrell

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 to their services 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.

#### Demobilization for Southern Decadence

Like the demobilization for Mardi Gras, the contractor will completely demobilize all labor and materials, including fencing, from the site and temporarily backfill any trenches by close of business on Wednesday, August 28. The contractor will resume operations on Tuesday, September 3.

# Attend our "Conversation on the Corner"

The next Phase 2 bi-weekly community status meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, St. Joseph Salon.

## **Bollard Installation**

Installation of the moveable bollard system that will enhance public safety in the 500-700 blocks of Bourbon Street will begin in the September timeframe. For more information on the Matador Bollard System, click here.

# 500 Block (St. Louis to Toulouse)

All major construction, with the exception of the bollard installation, has been completed on this block.

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

All major construction, with the exception of the bollard installation and an Entergy lateral duct bank, has been completed on this block.

# 700 Block (St. Peter to Orleans)

All major construction, with the exception of the bollard installation, has been completed on this block.

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

All major construction, with the exception of the bollard installation, has been completed on this block. **NOTE:** There will be a future conduit installation on the riverside sidewalk that calls for removing approximately 10 feet of slate after the Southern Decadence demobilization.



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

Crews are preparing the roadway for concrete pours on Monday and Tuesday (pictured); however, the current forecast calls for a high probability of rain. On Monday weather permitting, a pump truck will be positioned in the intersection of St. Ann and Bourbon streets to pour into the 800 block. On Tuesday weather permitting, a pump truck will be positioned in the intersection of Dumaine and Bourbon streets to pour into the 800 block. If crews are unable to pour on Monday, then they will attempt to pour the entire block on Tuesday, which means that both the St. Ann and Bourbon intersection as well as the Dumaine and Bourbon intersection would be closed that day, one at a time. If for some reason the pour cannot happen on Tuesday, the contractor will temporarily restore the roadway with asphalt and then complete

the concrete pours after the Southern Decadence demobilization.

## Dumaine Intersection and Partial 900 Block Closure

Crews have completed upgrading the utilities and reopened the intersection and 900 block to traffic.

#### Roadway Closure - St. Ann Reconstruction

Entergy Gas and Entergy Electric crews are currently upgrading their facilities in the 800 block of St. Ann, in the Dauphine intersection and approximately 20 feet into the 900 block. The 800 block of St. Ann is closed to vehicular traffic until after the Southern Decadence demobilization; the 800 block is open to pedestrian traffic. Additionally, daily closures are in place at the intersection of Dauphine and St. Ann streets between 8 a.m. and sunset. The City / SWBNO are in the process of designing the sewer, water and drainage work for this block. Once work begins in the October timeframe, the block will be fenced off; specific scheduling details will follow in a future update.

## **Entergy Electric & Gas**

Entergy Electric and Entergy Gas are continuing to upgrade their facilities on St. Ann Street. Residents and commuters should anticipate intermittent roadway closures while they complete their work.

#### **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)	

#### 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: **August 29 –September 2**: Southern Decadence, Labor Day

# 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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