

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project – Phase 2 Status Update – May 24, 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</u> <u>a time throughout construction</u>. 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 more than fifty 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 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 September 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, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, St. Joseph Salon.

## Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

The contractor will be demobilized for Memorial Day Weekend beginning at sunset on Friday, May 24. Crews will return to work on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m.

## **Traffic Status**

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

Crews have completed rebuilding a manhole just before the intersection of Bourbon and St. Peter; they will be pouring concrete in the next few days. Crews will repair sidewalks on the riverside during the week of May 28.

## 700 Block (St. Peter to Orleans)

In preparation for sidewalk work, All Star crews will be removing the streetlights on the riverside of the street on or around May 24. Crews will begin to remove the riverside sidewalks on Tuesday, May 28, weather permitting. Access ramps will be installed for all businesses. Sidewalk work in this block is anticipated to take about three - four weeks to complete.

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

The contractor has installed fencing in the roadway and removed all of the granite curb (pictured). The decorative fence wrap should be completed by the end of next week. Additionally, there are temporary sandbags in place on the riverside fence until the permanent footings are in place in the next few days. Crews are currently working on installing the new waterline.



## St. Louis Closure (Royal and Bourbon)

Crews will be replacing two concrete panels on St. Louis beginning May 28. This work will require a closure between Royal and Bourbon streets. The intersections of Royal and St. Louis as well as Bourbon and St. Louis will be open during this closure. Work is expected to take three days to complete.

## **Entergy Electric & Gas**

Entergy Electric is working in the 800 block near Dumaine Street. Entergy Gas will resume work on individual services in the 800 block on Tuesday, May 28. New gas services calls for work from property line to property line. **Public safety is the top priority; expect closures of Bourbon in the 800 block between 8:00 am and sunset seven days per week**. Extended work hours are possible. As usual, Entergy will accommodate the public, businesses, and deliveries to the best of their ability.

## **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 – 7/12/19	75 Days
800 (St. Ann – Dumaine)	6/23/19 – 9/06/19	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:

- May 27: Memorial Day
- June 8: Pride New Orleans (crews will work a short day on June 7 and June 9)
- July 4 8: Independence Day, Essence
- August 10: Red Dress Run
- 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 (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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