

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project – Phase 2 Status Update – August 30, 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</u> <u>ONLY one block fenced off at a time throughout</u> <u>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 roughly eighty 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.

# Demobilization for Southern Decadence

Like the demobilization for Mardi Gras, the contractor has completely demobilized all labor and materials, including fencing, from the site. The contractor will resume operations on Tuesday, September 3. Entergy Gas and Entergy Electric have also demobilized from their facility upgrades on St. Ann; crews will return on Tuesday as well.

## Attend our "Conversation on the Corner"

The next Phase 2 bi-weekly community status meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 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 500-750 blocks of Bourbon Street will begin in the September timeframe. For more information on the Matador Bollard System, click <u>here</u>.

## 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, 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 an approximately 10 foot section of slate from the riverside sidewalk after the Southern Decadence demobilization.



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

Crews have completed installing new utilities and poured the new concrete roadway (pictured). The roadway is currently open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Work will resume in the 800 block on Tuesday with reconstruction of the sidewalks. All businesses and residences will have access ramps while the sidewalks are being constructed. **NOTE:** The roadway will be closed to vehicular traffic while the sidewalks are being constructed; this activity should take approximately three weeks to complete.

## 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 have demobilized from their facility upgrades on St. Ann; crews will return on Tuesday, September 3. Residents and commuters should anticipate intermittent 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 <u>here</u>.

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