

# French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project — Phase 2 Status Update – June 7, 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 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.

## PRIDE Weekend Work Schedule

The contractor will be demobilized on Saturday, June 8. Crews will work a short day on June 7 and on June 9.

## Attend our "Conversation on the Corner"

The next Phase 2 bi-weekly community status meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, St. Joseph Salon.

#### Traffic Status

## 600 Block (Toulouse to St. Peter)

Crews will complete repairs on the riverside sidewalk next week. This activity was rescheduled from the week of May 31.



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

Crews poured the concrete sidewalks on the riverside (pictured) and will be beginning the brick sidewalk installation on Monday. Crews have completed removing the sidewalks on the lakeside and installed access ramps for those businesses. Sidewalk work in this block is anticipated to take another two weeks to complete.

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

Crews will be tying in the new waterline and working on water house connection services. Once those activities are complete, crews will begin to prepare the roadway for a concrete pour on or around June 17. The

roadway is scheduled to reopen to pedestrian traffic on or around June 20.

## ADDITIONAL WORK ADDED - St. Ann Reconstruction between Dauphine and Bourbon streets

While crews were completing a sewer point repair in the St. Ann intersection in September, the condition of the sewer line prompted an additional assessment between Dauphine and Bourbon. The results indicate that the section of roadway needs a full reconstruction. On Tuesday, crews will begin exploratory trenching from property line to property line at two locations on St. Ann between Dauphine and Bourbon streets. Trenching should take approximately one week to complete. Full reconstruction will likely begin in the fall, after the 800 block of Bourbon is complete.

## UPCOMING CLOSURE - St. Ann Intersection

Beginning Monday, crews will close the intersection of Bourbon and St. Ann streets for approximately three weeks to accommodate the installation of new utilities.

# UPCOMING CLOSURE - 800 Block (St. Ann to Dumaine)

Beginning on or around June 21, crews will begin to install the fence in the 800 block roadway to accommodate installation of new utilities.

# **Entergy Electric & Gas**

Entergy Electric is working in the 800 block near Dumaine Street. Crews will begin work across the Dumaine intersection in sections; the intersection will remain open to vehicular traffic. Crews will also be working on laterals in the 700 block, as well as on the fire hydrant repair at the corner of St. Ann and Bourbon streets. Entergy Gas will continue work on individual services in the 800 block. 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 – 6/20/19	75 Days
800 (St. Ann – Dumaine)	6/21/19 – 9/06/19	75 Days
Total Days		250 Working Days Total
*Once the contractor moves the fence to the next block, sidewalks in the previous block will be worked on simultaneously		(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:

- 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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