



French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project Status Update – August 28, 2017

The City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works, along with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, is currently implementing a **multi-million dollar** reconstruction project which calls for removing and replacing existing water and drainage lines, repairing the sewer line, repaving the roadway in concrete, installing new sidewalks when necessary and installing Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps at intersections.

500 – 800 Blocks of Bourbon Street

Due to the significant rain delays, unforeseen site conditions and budget, the City has determined that it will complete the French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project in two phases. Phase 1, which includes fully reconstructing the 100 – 400 blocks of Bourbon St. and installing safety bollards, will be completed by Dec. 2017 under the Department of Public Works' maintenance contract. Phase 2, which includes fully reconstructing the 500 – 800 blocks of Bourbon St., will be designed, bid and awarded through a separate contract with the goal of starting in May 2018. The plan for bollard installation in the 400 - 800 blocks has not yet been finalized; until that time, the NOPD barricades will be used during major events.

“Conversation on the Corner”

The bi-weekly community status meetings is held every other Thursday morning at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be held this **Thursday, September 7, at 10 a.m.** on the corner of **Bienville and Bourbon** streets. **NOTE: In the event of rain, we will meet at the PJ's in the Royal Sonesta.**

Work Schedule

Construction crews are currently working from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. as weather permits. When possible, crews may work until 8 p.m.; however, high volumes of pedestrian activity make moving equipment more challenging late in the day. **Construction crews are scheduled to work this weekend and on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017.**

Traffic Status

Ongoing Intersection Closure at Iberville St.

With inclement weather causing delays, expect the traffic closure at the intersection of Iberville St., to extend until **September 15**. The intersection will be repaved in concrete prior to re-opening.

Future Intersection Closure at Conti St.

Expect a traffic closure at the intersection of Conti St. to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection to begin on **September 11**. The closure will last several weeks. The intersection will be repaved in concrete prior to re-opening.

Future Intersection Closure at Bienville St.

The traffic closure at the intersection of Bienville St. has been postponed until **mid-October**. The closure is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection and will last several weeks.

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 do 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 expedite the process.

[Garbage Corrals](#)

Garbage must be **placed in appropriate corrals** at the end of each intersecting block (Iberville, Bienville and Conti) 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.

[100 \(Canal – Iberville\) Timeline: Apr. 24 – Sept. 15](#)

- Permanent pavement restoration is complete. The fence in the 100 block of Bourbon St. was removed last week and **reopened for pedestrian traffic ONLY.**
- **Ongoing intersection closure:** The traffic closure at the intersection of Iberville St. remains in effect until **September 15**, as crews install underground electrical duct banks and drain lines. Crews completed the 8-inch water line tie-in. The intersection will be repaved in concrete prior to re-opening.
- Entergy Electric completed underground streetlight work on the river side of the block and will begin work on the lake side next week, weather pending
- **SIDEWALK RESTORATION:** Restoration of brick sidewalks began last week. Crews began pouring concrete foundation for sidewalks on the river side of Bourbon St. this week. Work on the lake side will begin later this week.
- All work on this block will be completed by **mid-September 2017.**



[200 \(Iberville – Bienville\) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: Jul. 5 – Mid-November](#)

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Entergy Electric crews are now installing the main duct bank. This work is scheduled to last through the beginning of October.
- **SIDEWALK CLOSURES:** Entergy Gas will continue to have intermittent lake side sidewalk closures throughout the week.
- Approximately one-third (100 feet) of the 12-inch drainage line has been installed. The remainder of the drain lines will be installed by the end of September.
- Plan to place garbage cans in appropriate corrals at the intersection of Iberville and Bienville streets. Garbage cans and carts may not be placed on the Bourbon St. sidewalk until construction is completed in the 200 block.
- **Future intersection closure:** The traffic closure at the intersection of Bienville St. required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection has been postponed until in **mid-October**. The closure will last several weeks.

300 (Bienville - Conti) Anticipated Full Closure

Construction Timeline: May 15 – Mid-October

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Construction crews have installed the new sewer and water line.
- Drainage work is anticipated to be completed in approximately two weeks.
- Friendly reminder to the adjacent businesses that the **sidewalk signage** should be taken into your venue each night.
- Pavement restoration, which includes new concrete pavement, is scheduled to begin in mid-September.



400 (Conti – St. Louis) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: Sept. 7 – Dec. 2017

- Fencing will be installed on the 400 block on Thursday, **September 7**.
- **SIDEWALK CLOSURES:** Entergy Gas will have intermittent sidewalk closures throughout the week.

500 - 800 (St. Louis - Dumaine)

- Stockpiled material will remain in this block through the end of the week.
- Phase 2, 500 – 800 blocks of Bourbon St., of the FQIIP would begin in May 2018.

Questions about our French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project may be directed via e-mail to roadwork@nola.gov or to our RoadworkNOLA hotline 504.658.ROAD (7623).

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