

French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project Status Update – October 24, 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 American with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps at intersections.

Traffic Status

Intersection Closure at Bienville St.

The intersection of Bienville at Bourbon St. will close at Noon, today. The closure will last several weeks and is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection. Conti St. is currently open to through traffic. Flaggers will be available at the intersections of Dauphine at Bienville streets, and Royal at Bienville streets to facilitate deliveries and access to parking garages.

100 (Canal – Iberville)

- Bollard installation is tentatively scheduled for early November.
- Please note the intersection of Iberville and Bourbon streets is signed with Stop signs. Commuters traveling on Bourbon and Iberville streets are both required to stop at the intersection.

200 (Iberville – Bienville) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: Jul. 5 – Mid-December

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Crews are performing necessary chlorination and pressure tests on the newly installed waterline this week. Expect to receive an additional notice about a potential water line tie-in later this week. Connecting the new water line to the existing utilities would occur early morning from about 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Drainage work is now 60% percent complete. Crews will complete drainage in this block and extend new pipes through the Bienville intersection while it is closed.
- Plan to place garbage cans in appropriate corrals at the intersection of Iberville and Bienville streets until Bienville re-opens to traffic. Garbage cans and carts may not be placed on the Bourbon St. sidewalk until construction is completed in the 200 block.

300 (Bienville - Conti) Anticipated Full Closure Construction Timeline: May 15 – Mid-December

- Full block closure remains in effect though pavement has been placed.
- Safety fencing has been removed. Pedestrian traffic has been re-routed from the sidewalks to the new roadway. Asphalt and wooden access ramps are facilitating access to business during sidewalk work.
- Brick sidewalk installation will start this week. Expected completion is Monday, October 30, 2017.
- Streetlight pedestal bases continue to be installed this week.
- Utility work in the intersections of Bienville and Conti streets at Bourbon have delayed full re-opening of the roadway. The intersections still require utility and pavement work, which in turn delay re-opening to traffic until Mid-December. Pedestrians will have access to both the paved roadway and the brick sidewalks by next week.

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

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Crews are performing necessary chlorination and pressure tests on the newly installed waterline early this week. Expect to receive an additional notice about a potential water line tie-in later this week. Connecting the new water line to the existing utilities would occur early morning from about 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Drainage siphons and pipes will be constructed this week up to the St. Louis St. intersection.
- Entergy Electric continues to construct new electrical duct banks and is expected to be complete in two weeks.
- Entergy Gas is currently working in the 400 block, no sidewalk closures are anticipated this week.



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 meeting is held every other Thursday morning at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be held this **Thursday, November 2nd, 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 authorized to work 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.

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.

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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