



French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project

Status Update – October 30, 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.

“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.**

Traffic Status

Intersection Closure at St. Louis St.

The intersection of St. Louis at Bourbon St. is will be closed on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 beginning at 8 a.m. The closure is required to facilitate a waterline tie-in in the 400 block. The intersection will be re-opened at the end of the day on Wednesday. Flaggers will be available at the intersections of Dauphine at St. Louis streets, and Royal at St. Louis streets to facilitate deliveries and access to parking garages.

Intersection Closure at Conti St.

The intersection of Conti St. at Bourbon St. is currently closed. The closure will last through mid-November. The closure is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities and permanent roadway restoration. Flaggers will be available at the intersections of Dauphine at Conti streets, and Royal at Conti streets to facilitate deliveries and access to parking garages. The Conti St. intersection will be paved in concrete prior to re-opening.

Future Intersection Closure at Bienville St.

The intersection of Bienville at Bourbon St. will close after Conti St re-opens. The closure will last several weeks. The closure is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection and will begin once the Conti St. intersection re-opens. 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 mid-November.
- Please note the intersection of Iberville and Bourbon is currently a two-way stop. Both Bourbon and Iberville traffic are 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 once tests are passed. Connecting the new water line to the existing utilities would occur early morning from about 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- Crews continue to work on drainage in this block, including the siphons mid-block.
- Crews will complete drainage in this block and extend pipes through the Bienville intersection while it is closed. This closure is tentatively scheduled to take place in November
- 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.



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 be completed this week. Crews have about 60 feet of sidewalk brick work remaining.
- The brick mortar requires a 72-hour cure time before it sets. During the curing time, the brick sidewalk will be fenced off. *Please do not pressure wash the brick sidewalk while it is curing.*
- Expect mid-block roadway closures to allow Entergy to install two duct banks across Bourbon St. after the brick sidewalks are completed. Pedestrians will be allowed to use the sidewalks at this time.
- Streetlight pedestal bases continue to be installed this week.
- Due to the Bienville St. intersection closure and the Conti St. intersection still requiring utility and pavement work, this block will now be open to vehicular traffic in Mid-December. Pedestrians will have access to both the street 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.
- Chlorination tests have passed on the newly installed water line in this block. The waterline tie-in will occur on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Connecting the new water line to the existing utilities will occur early morning from about 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- The St. Louis St. intersection will be closed on Wednesday, November 1st, to allow for the waterline tie-in.
- 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.



Business Signage

A number of businesses have printed and placed signage on the project safety fencing. The City is supportive of this effort; however, some of the signage has been defaced with stickers, graffiti, etc. Please plan to remove damaged signs and replace missing zip ties and brackets so the signage is affixed safely and legibly. Illegible and/or damaged signage will be removed on Friday, Nov. 10.

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.

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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