

## French Quarter Infrastructure Improvement Project Status Update – September 18, 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, September 21, 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

#### 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 beginning on Tuesday, **Sept. 19** at 8 a.m. The closure will last several weeks but 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 intersection will be repaved in concrete prior to re-opening.

#### Future Intersection Closure at Bienville St.

A future closure at the intersection of Bienville at Bourbon St. is currently scheduled to begin in mid-October and will last several weeks. The closure is required to facilitate installation of underground utilities in the intersection and will last several weeks.

### 100 (Canal – Iberville) Timeline: Apr. 24 – Sept. 20

- The 100 block of Bourbon St. is now open to **pedestrian traffic ONLY.**
- Construction crews are currently working on streetlight pedestals.
- Entergy will also return to this block to make minor adjustments.
- Sidewalk restoration work is completed.
- The roadway will re-open to vehicular traffic later this week when the Fire Zone Lane signs are re-installed this week. Additional signage, which was in place prior to construction will be replaced shortly.



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

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Entergy Electric crews are currently performing duct bank work on this block. Crews are scheduled to be onsite through the beginning of October.

- Crews continue installing new drainage lines while an additional crew will start replacing the water line this week.
- 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.
- The first concrete placement for the 300 occurred, Sept. 18.
- A second concrete placement is scheduled for this Friday, Sept. 22 beginning at 7 a.m. and lasting through late evening. A third placement is possible and would occur on Saturday, Sept. 23 beginning at 7 a.m., if necessary.
- A full closure of the intersection of Conti St. at Bourbon St. will facilitate delivery of materials for the concrete placement.
- Friendly reminder to the adjacent businesses that the **sidewalk signage** should be taken into your venue each night.
- Sidewalk work will begin on the river side of the block next week. Businesses should expect access via ramp.



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

- Full block closure remains in effect.
- Crews have installed ¾ of the new drainage lines in the 400 block and are currently installing new water lines.
- 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.

### **[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](mailto: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](mailto:roadwork@nola.gov) or to our RoadworkNOLA hotline 504.658.ROAD (7623).

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