



Community Update – September 2023 Martin Luther King Blvd (St. Charles - S. Claiborne)

The City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development started construction on **DPW573 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (St. Charles - S. Claiborne)** in May 2022. This \$5.5M project impacts roughly 14 blocks and is funded by the Federal Highway Administration - Urban Systems program and the City's bond program. Improvements include repaving the roadway, adding bike lanes, improving access to bus stops, installing marked crosswalks, improving intersection geometry and sight distances at driveways. The project will also result in the reduction of one general travel lane and parking lane shifts in some blocks. This project has demobilized and will be declared complete during September with an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony (date TBD).

Construction for this project started with removal and replacement of damaged roadway, sidewalk and curb and gutter on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard to St. Charles Avenue, as well as work to restore the travel lane against the neutral ground on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard to S. Claiborne Avenue. As part of this project, the median was removed from Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard to St. Charles Avenue.

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30-Day Forecast

All major construction items are now complete and the contractor has demobilized from the site. Boh Bros will complete the remaining installation of flex-posts in the roadway by mid-September. The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works and the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans are working in coordination to complete repairs to the Clara Street intersection neutral ground crossing at Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard using City funding.

This **\$5.5M Martin Luther King Blvd (St. Charles – S. Claiborne) Patch Mill Overlay** is being constructed by Boh Bros Construction Company, LLC. The scope of work varies block by block but includes the following:

- Repaving the roadways;
- Replacing damaged sidewalks and driveway aprons
- Installing bike lanes;
- Establishing high-visibility crosswalks; and
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps at intersections.

How to Stay Informed

Questions about this project may be directed to roadwork@nola.gov or to our RoadworkNOLA hotline 504.658.ROAD (7623) or sign up for RoadworkNOLA text alerts by texting ROADWORK to 77295, or go to ready.nola.gov/alerts to create a whole profile and select the "roadwork" alert list.