



## Community Update – July 19, 2023 St. Roch Drainage Upgrades

First and foremost, thank you for your continued patience. We recognize that temporary inconveniences do tend to accompany infrastructure upgrades and we are grateful for your continued patience as crews work to finish the project by the anticipated Fall 2024 end date. Construction of 17 blocks of N. Villere Street started in May of 2023 with drainage and utility install on the 2200- 2500 blocks of N. Villere St, as well as the 1300-1400 blocks of Marigny St, Mandeville St, Spain St, Music St, Arts St.

In recent months, leaders from the City Infrastructure Team have been conducting site visits and working closely with the combined Sewerage and Water Board New Orleans (SWBNO) / Department of Public Works (DPW) project management and construction contractor team. We are committed to holding all members of the team accountable for finding solutions for the issues as identified during construction, as well as to getting this work completed with an improved quality of life for the community. The following is an update and path forward on completing this project by the anticipated Fall 2024 end date.

### 30-Day Forecast

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and Command Construction Industries, LLC. began has completed repairs to the water lines and water main on N. Villere. Starting this week and running into the summer, Command will be testing and construction of sewer lines, as well as construction of storm drain lines on the following blocks:

- **N. Villere Street from Elysian Fields Avenue to Franklin Avenue**

This temporary disruption of services is part of the \$18.1 M St. Roch Drainage Upgrades joint infrastructure project with the City of New Orleans' Department of Public Works and Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Once complete, residents will experience an overall improved quality of life as the project will improve subsurface drainage capacity between local streets and trunk lines and install green infrastructure such as retention/detention basins and bioswales. This work is part of the FEMA funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)'s Leveraged Gray / Green Infrastructure projects and is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2024.

This project is intended to help alleviate flooding by increasing the capacity of subsurface drainage between local streets and trunk lines as well as by using green infrastructure options which may include retention/detention basins, street basins, rain gardens, and street-side bioswales. The scope of work varies block by block but includes the following:

- Replacement of damaged underground water, sewer and drainage lines;
- Contractor continuing to work on water between Elysian Fields and St Roch. Anticipate another 1-2 weeks to complete the waterline work. Once complete contractor will start sewer work.
- Anticipate starting the sewer work the week of July 24, 2023.

### How to Stay Informed

Questions about this project may be directed to [roadwork@nola.gov](mailto: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](https://ready.nola.gov/alerts) to create a whole profile and select the "roadwork" alert list.**

**Commented [CCL1]:** Please include reference to project start date and location for start of work. "This project includes xy # of blocks and construction started in February of 2023 with drainage and utility install on the XY blocks of N Villere St"