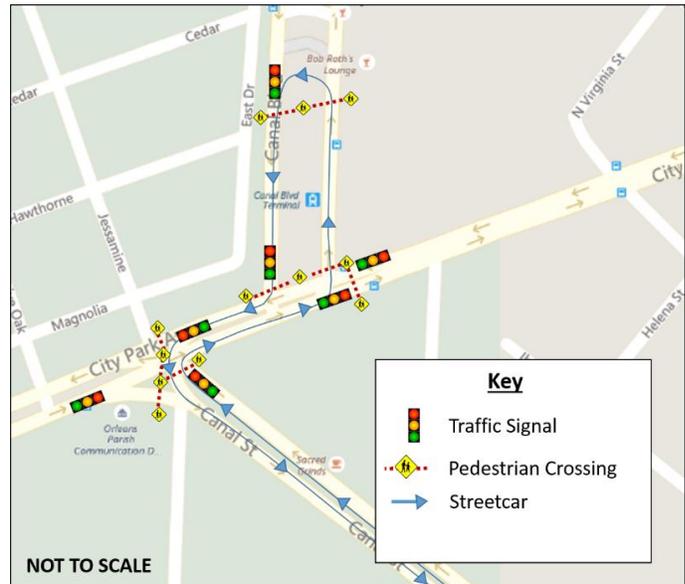


Traffic Signalization at Canal St., City Park Ave. and Canal Blvd.

The City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Regional Transit Authority (RTA) continue to work to improve the traffic signalization and timing conditions at the intersection of Canal St., City Park Ave. and Canal Blvd. following the recent extension of the Canal Streetcar line.

Canal St. Streetcar Extension Project

Prior to the Canal St. Streetcar extension project, the intersection of Canal St., City Park Ave. and Canal Blvd. was regulated by a series of traffic signals, stop and yield signs, as well as roadway striping that prioritized vehicular traffic. In 2017, the RTA extended the existing Canal St. Streetcar Line from its terminus at Canal St. through the intersection of City Park Ave. to Canal Blvd. in the Mid-City and Navarre neighborhoods. The extension was designed in accordance with the City's [Complete Streets Policy](#), with the primary purpose of improving pedestrian and transit rider access and safety. To ensure that the Canal streetcars can safely get through the intersection, timing of the signals shifts when a streetcar is approaching.



Frequently Asked Questions

Are future adjustments to the traffic signalization and timing planned? Yes, DPW often makes traffic signal adjustments to improve traffic conditions around the City. This intersection will continue to be monitored and adjustments made until backups are minimized as much as possible. A signal upgrade is planned for this fall, which will allow for immediate timing improvements.

Why is the City prioritizing pedestrian and transit rider access over vehicular traffic? This intersection was designed in accordance with the City's Complete Streets policy, which calls for transportation systems to consider the needs of all users including, pedestrians, transit riders, cyclists, residents driving in cars and people with disabilities.

Would making all the traffic signals green for a longer period of time improve traffic conditions? No. The major difference between the current and previous conditions at this intersection is that there was previously only one traffic signal, and stop and yield signs at this location. The new conditions add a second traffic signal and prioritize pedestrian safety at this intersection. The addition of the Canal Streetcar movement through the intersection increases the complexity of the traffic signal timing, the new signals also reduce the likelihood of conflicts for drivers, pedestrians and transit riders.

I've never seen a "Continue through Intersection after Left Turn," sign? What should drivers do at this location?

When traveling riverbound on Canal Blvd. (toward the CBD) and attempting to make a left onto City Park Ave., drivers should wait for the green arrow, make the left turn onto City Park Ave. and then continue through the intersection towards Bienville St. Additionally, the City and RTA will be installing special filters on the City Park Ave. traffic signals to reduce confusion.

Who can I contact with questions about this intersection? Please direct all questions via telephone to 504.658.ROAD (7623) or send e-mail to RoadWork@nola.gov.