

# Canal Boulevard Reconstruction (Robert E. Lee Boulevard – Amethyst Street)

# Pre-Construction Community Meeting

**City of New Orleans** 

July 24, 2019



#### **About This Slide Show...**



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THAN 5
MINUTES
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INFORMS
ABOUT
THE
PROJECT



NAVIGATING
THE
COMMUNITY
OPEN HOUSE

# **Welcome To Our Community Open House**

#### **Station One**

Welcome! Please sign in and pick up some information about the Canal Boulevard Reconstruction Project. You can also find out more about the ROADWORK NOLA program here.

#### **Station Two**

You're here! Watch this slide presentation for an overview of the Canal Boulevard Reconstruction Project and the City's Capital Improvement Program.

#### **Station Three**

Project managers and contractors are here to address your project-specific questions.

#### **Station Four**

Talk with the project designers and take a look at the project plans.

#### **Station Five**

311 questions? Sewerage and Water Board inquiries? Any questions related to City services can be discussed here with The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement.



# **Capital Improvement Program Highlights**

The City and Sewerage and Water Board New Orleans (SWBNO) are working together to restore our damaged infrastructure. Using a combination of local and federal funds, the \$2.2B program is the most comprehensive our region has seen in a generation.









# **Capital Improvement Program Highlights**

- The program includes nearly 200 individual projects every neighborhood will feel a positive impact.
- Multiple Funding Sources: FEMA-funded road / waterline work, FEMA-funded Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects, HUD-funded National Disaster Resiliency Competition (NDRC) grant projects, SWB-funded Sewer System Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program (SSERP) (sewer consent decree) work and City-funded bond project work.
- Work will create thousands of construction jobs across the city and <u>maximize economic opportunity</u> for the City's small and disadvantaged businesses



# **Capital Improvement Program Highlights**

#### **Types of Repairs**

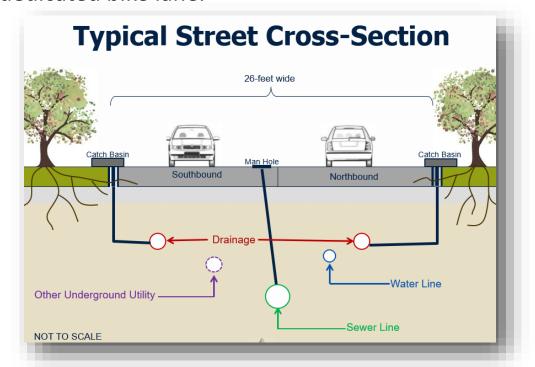
- **Full Reconstruction**: Repair sewer, water, and drainage lines, rebuild the street entirely, and repair sidewalks and curbs.
- Patch Mill / Overlay: Repave the asphalt roadway from curb to curb and repair damaged sidewalks.
- **Patch Concrete:** Remove damaged portions of the concrete roadway and replace it with new smooth concrete pavement.
- **Incidental Road Repairs:** Remove damaged portions of the asphalt roadway and replace it with new smooth pavement.
- **Non-Paving Incidentals:** Repair damaged sidewalks, driveway aprons and curbs within the public right-of-way.
- **Streetscape:** Landscaping and other aesthetic improvements such as neighborhood signage and lighting.
- Bridge Repairs: Replace, restore or rehabilitate bridges over the City's waterways and roadways.





#### What FEMA authorized the City to address:

- Repair/replace sewage, water, and drainage lines;
- Rebuild the street entirely;
- Repair sidewalks and curbs;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps;
- Install a dedicated bike lane.





#### **Full Reconstruction**

#### Why a Full-Depth Reconstruction?

The City studied several factors prior to determining the type of construction that would be scheduled on any given street including the Citywide Pavement Assessment – conducted in 2015. Each block was given one of the following scores:

| Class     | Description   | Cost     |
|-----------|---|----------|
| Excellent | New Pavement, with no need for repair.                                  | \$       |
| Good      | No major defects were found in the pavement.                            | \$\$     |
| Fair      | Minor paving problems were found that do not impact driving.            | \$\$\$   |
| Poor      | Defects in the pavement can affect driving on these streets.            | \$\$\$\$ |
| Very Poor | Medium-sized defects were found, moderately affecting driving.          | \$\$\$\$ |
| Failure   | Large pieces of pavement were missing, and driving is severly impacted. | \$\$\$\$ |



#### Canal Boulevard Reconstruction – New Schedule

Original Construction Start – December 2018

- What's Been Happening Since December 2018???
  - ✓ Entergy Utility Relocations Across the Project
- New Construction Start July 2019
- Estimated Construction Complete Summer 2020





**Existing conditions on Canal Boulevard.** 



- Design: Integrated Logistical Support Inc.
- Construction Engineering and Inspection: Design Engineering, Inc. (DEI)
- Construction: Palmisano Construction
- Construction Cost: Approximately \$4.5M Project
- Funding: City Bonds, Federal Highway Administration, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans



**Timeline:** Project will begin in July 2019 and will last until summer 2020, weather permitting.



#### **Scope of work includes:**

- Replace damaged water, sewer and drainage lines;
- Rebuild the street entirely;
- Repair sidewalks and curbs;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps at intersections;
- Install a dedicated bike lane.



#### **Sidewalks**

#### Scope of work includes:

- Sidewalk panels
   adjacent to Americans
   with Disabilities Act
   (ADA)-compliant ramps
   will be replaced with
   new sidewalks.
- New sidewalks and ramps will meet ADAcompliance regulations.



#### **Americans with Disabilities Act**



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps at sidewalk corners ensure accessibility for people who are visually or physically impaired, using wheelchairs or strollers.



# **Traffic Calming**

#### The deliberate slowing of traffic in residential areas.

DPW is working with experts to develop a policy to reduce speeding. Traffic Calming consists of physical design and other measures designed to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

- Vertical deflections: speed humps, speed tables, raised intersections;
- Horizontal shifts;
- Roadway narrowing: intended to reduce speed and enhance the street environment for nonmotorists;
- Median barriers and closures that obstruct traffic movements in one or more directions are intended to reduce cut-through traffic.





# **Traffic Calming**

# Safety and operational benefits for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians include:

- Decreasing the number of vehicle travel lanes pedestrians must cross;
- Providing room for pedestrians crossing median;
- Improving safety for bicyclists with bicycle lanes;
- Providing an opportunity for onstreet parking, which also serves as a buffer between pedestrians and vehicles;
- Reducing rear-end and side-swipe crashes and decreasing severity;
- Improving speed limit compliance.



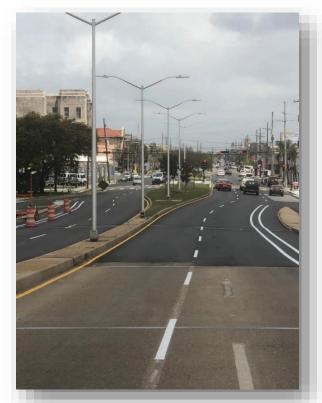


# **Traffic Calming**

Bike lanes are an effective method of speed management and traffic calming. A bike lane will be added in both directions of Canal Blvd.

Decreases motor vehicle speeds;

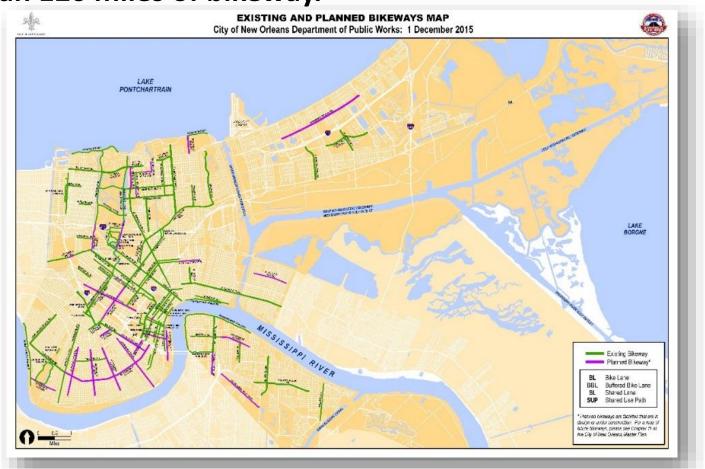
- Decreases the likelihood that crashes will occur by increasing drivers' response time and minimizing motor vehicles overtaking movements;
- Decreases the likelihood of an injury resulting from a crash;
- Improves bicyclist comfort, benefits pedestrians and residents by reducing traffic speeds along the corridor;
- Establishes and reinforces bicycle priority on bicycle boulevards by discouraging through vehicle travel.



-- National Association of City Transportation Officials



New Orleans' transportation system now includes more than 120 miles of bikeway.



# Construction Sequencing, Staging, Timeline

Work will begin in the northbound lanes and the southbound lanes will be converted to two-way traffic. This schedule may change due to planned waterline work throughout the project.

**NOTE:** Changes in sequencing will be communicated to the community by RoadworkNOLA.

#### **Staging**

Equipment and materials will be secured within the work zone.

#### **Project Timeline**

Construction will begin in July 2019 and is scheduled to last through summer 2020, weather permitting.





# What to Expect During Construction

#### **Temporary construction impacts**

- Additional construction equipment
- Limited parking availability
- Sounds
- Dust

#### **Efforts to minimize construction impacts**

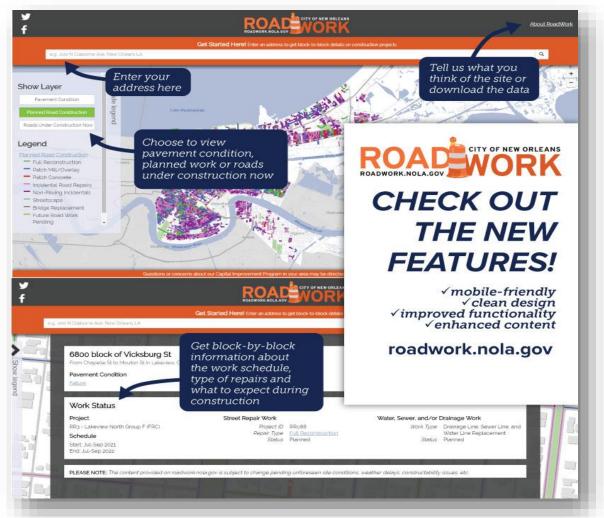
- Construction signage placed around the sites.
- ✓ Any temporary closures will be communicated in advance.
- Construction equipment will not be staged in areas that prohibit residential access and parking.
- Any changes to garbage and US Postal services will be communicated in advance.
- ✓ Residents will be informed throughout construction.

Regular work hours are Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Permission for occasional weekend work may be granted, if required.





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#### **Questions About the Project?**

#### STATION THREE

Talk with the Project Manager, Construction Contractor and RoadworkNola Outreach Specialist.

#### STATION FOUR

Look at the project plans and talk with the designer.

#### STATION FIVE

Fill out a comment card for infrastructure issues not related to the Taft Place Emergency Reconstruction project.





