

Fact Sheet: New Orleans Roads

City of New Orleans
Department of
Public Works



Summary:

There are **1652** miles of roads in the City of New Orleans. The City will soon begin implementing a multi-million dollar, multi-year comprehensive infrastructure improvement programs to repair Hurricane Katrina related sub-surface and road damages. The Recovery Roads program is funded by FEMA. Types of repairs deemed eligible for improvement by FEMA include utilities, sidewalks, American with Disabilities Act compliant ramps, driveway aprons, curbs and road paving.

- Roads managed by City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works: Approximately 1547 miles
- Roads managed by the DOTD such as state and federal highways: Approximately 105 miles
- Average size of roadway on one New Orleans city block: 350 ft x 26 ft
- Approximate number of blocks in New Orleans: 24,000
- Average cost for full depth reconstruction of one city block: \$414,000
- Average cost for rehabilitation/paving one city block: \$138,000
- Estimated cost for full depth reconstruction of every block in New Orleans: \$9.9 billion

Types of planned road improvements

Full Reconstruction	Resurfacing	Point Repairs
Full replacement of pavement for the entire length and width of block as well as sub-surface utility repairs.	Uppermost layer of street pavement (asphalt or concrete) is determined as eligible for repair. Size of the repair area varies. Eligibility maybe as a result of eligible sub-surface SWB utility repairs.	Only small areas on each block determined by FEMA as eligible for repair. Size of determined repair areas varies.
End Result: A new street (either asphalt or concrete) is constructed, to include pavement and base.	End Result: A new top layer of pavement (either asphalt or concrete) is placed on only specific areas of the street.	End Result: Damaged pavement (either asphalt or concrete) on only specific areas of the street is replaced with new pavement.

Funding

Estimated FEMA Recovery Roads investment:	Approximately \$280 million
Estimated DOTD Paths to Progress investment:	Approximately \$44 million
Estimated Bond-funded construction investment:	Approximately \$74 million
Estimated Downtown Infrastructure Improvement	Approximately \$6.5 million
Estimated Regional Planning Commission investment:	<u>Approximately \$12 million</u>
Estimated total investment in New Orleans roads:	Approximately \$416.5 million

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