



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

**OC Haley Streetscape**

**National Environmental Policy Act Section 106  
Compliance Public Meeting**

*April 30, 2013*

# Agenda

- **National Environmental Policy Act – Section 106**
- **Project Background**
- **Proposed Scope**
- **Acceptance of Comments**



# National Environmental Policy Act

- Enacted in 1969, one of many legislative and executive responses to growing concern about the condition of the environment and how human actions impact the environment.
- Agencies using federal funds must disclose actions that, "affect the quality of the human environment."

## Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

- Determine whether historic resources will be adversely affected, and if so, whether measures can be implemented to reduce adverse effects to a less than significant level.
- Public involvement is key



# Background

- **Summer 2008** - Dept. of Public Works receives \$300,000 in Disaster-Community Development Block Grant funding for development of the OC Haley Blvd Streetscape Project. Project limits are Martin Luther King., Jr. Blvd to Calliope St.
- **Nov. 2008** – Grant funds are used to development plan for Central City
- **Dec. 2008 – Jan. 2009** - H3 conducts stakeholder interviews
- **Jan. 2009** - Community members offer feedback at Public Meeting
- **Jan. 2009 - April 2009** - Steering Committee meets and holds two additional public workshops
- **Summer 2009** – H3 releases Moving Forward draft plan for public review



# Background

- **Spring 2010** – H3 publishes *"Moving Forward: Development Framework and Urban Design Plan for Central City"*
- **Fall 2011** – Project budget and scope increases to a total of D-CDBG \$965,000 and extends project limits from St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.
- **April 2012** – Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement provides update to OC Haley Merchants Esso. (OCHMBA)
- **May and June 2012** - OCHMBA planning Committee meets with DPW to discuss scope and budget increases. Scope includes removal of median



# Background

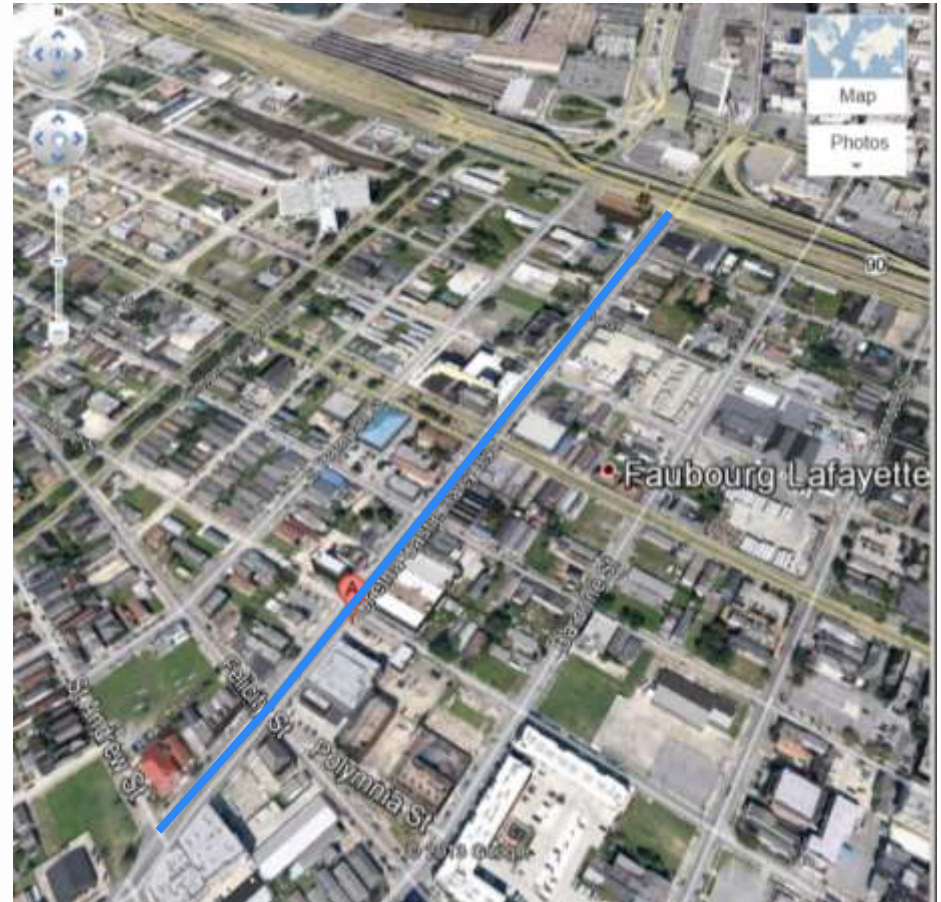
- **Dec. 2012** –State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) expresses concern over plans to remove median. Safety concern eliminates angled parking from plan.
- **Mar. 2013** - Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement provides update to OCHMBA
- **Mar. 2013** – DPW, SHPO and OCHMBA meet to discuss median removal and parking
- **April 12, 2013** – Legal notice of Section 106 public meeting published in *Times-Picayune*
- **April 2013** – National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 public meeting



# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

## St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.

- Funded by
  - Disaster – Community Development Block Grant
- Currently in final design phase
- Construction slated to begin in Late Winter 2013
- Total investment \$965,000



**OC Haley Streetscape project design  
incorporates Complete Streets principles**





# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

## St. Andrew St. to Euterpe St.



Conceptual image





# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape Euterpe St. to Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.



Conceptual image



# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. to Erato St.



Conceptual image



# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

## Erato St. to Calliope St.



Conceptual image





# Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

## St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.

- **Scope:**

- Partial removal of the median from Felicity St. to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- Wider pedestrian refuges at intersections
- New Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps
- Repairs to damaged sidewalks
- Conversion of the roadway from two travel lanes and parking lane to one travel lane, bike lane, and parking in each direction
- New high visibility crosswalks
- Maintain rain gardens
- Landscaping and tree cuts



# Budget

Design Expended	\$45,000
Design/Construction Management	\$120,000
Construction estimate as proposed in conceptual images	\$800,000
Total Budget	\$965,000



# Design Alternatives Estimates

Roadway resurfacing (new asphalt) from St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.	Additional \$1,100,000
Full landscaping (total tree replacement)	Additional \$50,000
Lighting (approx two lights at each intersection plus additional lighting at the sculpture)	\$Additional 80,000
Misc. bike racks, benches, garbage receptacles	Additional \$2,000 per set



# Path Forward

- Public Comment Period Closes – May 15, 2013
- Finalize Design – June 2013
- Bid and Award – Summer 2013
- Construction – Winter 2013





# Comments on Proposed Plan

- Comment period through May 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
- Verbal and written comments accepted tonight
- May be submitted to [sasmith@nola.gov](mailto:sasmith@nola.gov)
- May be submitted by mail to:
  - Shirley A. Smith, Director of Environmental Compliance
  - City of New Orleans
  - Office of Community Development
  - 1340 Poydras Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor
  - New Orleans, LA 70112



# Ground Rules

- Speaker Request/Mail in Comment Cards are available at the sign in table
- Speakers will be called upon in the order their comment card is received
- Comments, verbal and written, will be considered equally
- Please limit verbal comments to 3-minutes



# Comments



# High Visibility Crosswalk



Example crosswalk at Loyola Ave. and Poydras St. in the Central Business District

