

## Capital Improvement Program

The City and Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans are working together to implement an unprecedented capital improvement program to restore the City's damaged infrastructure. Using a combination of local and Federal funds, the **\$2.4B** program will be the most comprehensive that our region has seen in a generation. Work will include more than **200** individual projects and consist of repairing all or portions of about **400** miles of roadway. There will be several types of construction: Full Depth Reconstruction; Patch, Mill and Overlay; Patch Concrete; Incidental Road Repairs; **Bridges**; Non-Paving Incidentals; and Streetscapes.

### Bridges

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Bridge projects are designed to replace, restore or rehabilitate bridges over the City's waterways and roadways. There are 153 bridges in Orleans Parish under the City's jurisdiction.

- Removing and replacing vehicular and pedestrian bridge structures
- Installing a new bridge
- Painting and rehabilitating
- Installing lighting fixtures or electrical conduits
- Upgrading structures to meet [American with Disabilities Act](#)-compliant standards

The engineering decision to rebuild or rehabilitate a Bridge is made using scientific data. Bridges are inspected annually by the City or the State Department of Transportation and Development. Inspectors assess the condition of Bridges by inspecting the deck, spans, columns and wearing surface of the bridge, etc. In some instances the Bridge inspection calls for routine maintenance, in other instances the Bridge's condition may call for rehabilitation or replacement. Justification for a Bridge rebuilds vary; however, what you can expect during construction is similar across the City.



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### What to Expect During Construction

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Depending on the scope of work needed, a Bridge project may generate impacts to your daily activities. In general, construction crews will close bridges during construction or rehabilitation projects and remove any non-essential attachments, such as a lock, from the bridge.

### Construction Impacts

- Elevated noise levels.
- Vehicular, bike or pedestrian traffic may be re-routed. You may find it helpful to visit [roadwork.nola.gov](http://roadwork.nola.gov) to see where active construction projects are and avoid the areas if possible.
- Bridges being rehabilitated or painted over a waterway for example, may warrant protective scaffolding and sheeting to prevent paint debris from polluting the waterway beneath.
- Garbage and the US Postal services will continue throughout construction; however, depending on the conditions in front of your home, you may be asked to take your garbage and recycling bins to the end of the block on collection days.

Parking laws will continue to be enforced throughout construction. Avoid citations by becoming familiar with the City's [Parking 101 webpage](#). Please be mindful that construction impacts every person differently. While seeking an alternative to your regular route, you may encounter residents who are not used to traffic on their block. Be sure to follow the speed limit signage and be considerate of others when parking.

### Efforts to Minimize Impacts

- Construction signage placed around the sites.
- Any temporary road closures or service interruptions will be communicated to the public ahead of schedule.
- The City will continue to inform / educate the community about projects in advance of and throughout construction.

## Funding and Partners

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Funding sources for Bridge projects vary. In some instances, the planned scope of work is funded by FEMA because the damage to the roadway or sub-surface utilities can be directly attributed to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. In other instances, the project is funded by a voter-approved bond measure, or a federal grant such as the National Disaster Resilience Competition.

## Timelines

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The Capital Improvement Program is currently scheduled to last through 2024. For information about when construction is scheduled to begin on your block visit: [roadwork.nola.gov](http://roadwork.nola.gov). Please note that all schedules are subject change and weather delays.

Questions about our Capital Improvement Program in your area may be directed to [roadwork@nola.gov](mailto:roadwork@nola.gov) or 504.658.ROAD

