

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.

Full Depth Reconstruction

Full Depth Reconstruction projects are designed to:

- Replace damaged underground water, sewer and drainage lines
- Repave the roadway
- Replace damaged sidewalks and driveway aprons
- Install [American with Disabilities Act](#)-compliant curb ramps at intersections

Scientific data is used to determine whether to fully reconstruct a roadway. In some instances, the condition of your block's underground water and sewer lines were found to be damaged or leaking. In other instances the surface of your roadway was found to be in such poor condition that the only option would be to remove the existing asphalt or concrete, replace the base material and re-pave the street. Justification for Full Depth Reconstruction varies; however, what you can expect during construction is similar across the City.



As part of a full depth reconstruction project, contractors will dig a trench similar to the one pictured above in order to replace underground utilities.

What to Expect During Construction

A Full Depth Reconstruction project on your block is likely to alter your daily activities.

Construction Impacts

- Construction crews digging trenches in the roadway to remove and replace the existing utilities. Depths vary and may be between 3 and 15 feet deep and several feet wide, depending on the utility that is being replaced
- Temporary Closures: At some point during a Full Depth Reconstruction project, it is likely that the trench in front of your home will temporarily prevent parking in your driveway and possibly on your block.

Construction Impacts continued...

- 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.
- The perimeter of the trenches will be lined with fencing and cones for your safety.
- Any temporary road closures or service interruptions will be communicated to the public ahead of schedule.
- Any changes to garbage and US Postal services will be communicated in advance.
- The City will continue to inform / educate the community about projects in advance of and throughout construction.



During Full Depth Reconstruction projects, crews will connect an existing water line to the new waterline. This work may generate low-water pressure to residents. Prior to any work that may cause water service disruptions, you will receive a notification.

Funding and Partners

Funding sources for Full Depth Reconstruction projects vary. In some instances, the planned scope of work is funded by FEMA and only available because the damage to the sidewalk, driveway apron or curbs 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

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. Please note that schedules are subject to change and weather delays. The duration of Full Depth Reconstruction projects vary by scope. In general, projects take about one-year from the time construction begins.

Questions about our Capital Improvement Program in your area may be directed to roadwork@nola.gov or 504.658.ROAD.

