



PROJECT SUMMARY: Gentilly Boulevard

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Gentilly Boulevard between North Broad Street and New Orleans Street. The project's first phase will be between Grand Route St. John Street and St. Bernard Avenue. Funding for this project is available from the 2020 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



The Gentilly Boulevard project is approximately 1.3 miles long and is an upriver-downriver street in the 7th Ward area. The land use along the majority of Gentilly Boulevard is commercial and residential. Gentilly Boulevard is also a route for the No. 90 Carrollton bus.

Gentilly Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

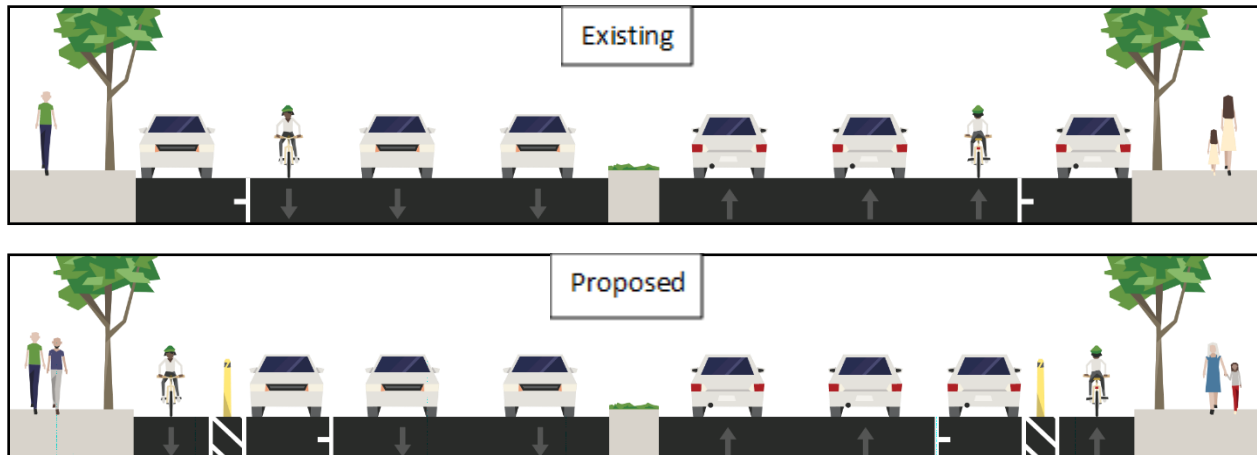
A total of 466 crashes were recorded on Gentilly Boulevard over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 268 people. Most crashes occurred at Paris Avenue (128) followed by St. Bernard Avenue (74) and DeSaix Blvd (35). There were five crashes involving pedestrians and 12 crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

This project seeks to balance the needs of all roadway users, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy. Improvements include, adding protected bike lanes, installing marked crosswalks, improving intersection geometry and sight distances at driveways. Between N. Broad Street and New Orleans Street, the roadway will generally be reconfigured as a protected bike lane, parking lane, and two general travel lanes on both sides of the neutral ground. Based on factors such as driveway density, some blocks will retain the existing standard bike lane. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Gentilly Boulevard a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

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Existing and proposed typical roadway cross sections for
Gentilly Boulevard (N. Broad Street to New Orleans Street)*

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Public Outreach

- April 2019 – Eight meetings were held to gather public input for a citywide bicycle network in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July – August 2019 – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- November 2020 & February 2021 – 7th Ward Area community meeting to discuss upcoming proposed roadway projects including bikeway implementation.
- Fall 2021 – Community canvassing and engagement in advance of construction.
- Winter 2022 – Anticipated first phase (Grand Route St. John to St. Bernard Ave) project construction.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June 2019 through an online interactive bike network planning map. A total of 2,288 people commented and made recommendations.

What is Moving New Orleans?

As an initiative of Mayor LaToya Cantrell, **Moving New Orleans** is a multi-modal strategy that is focused on improving the safety, equity, efficiency and connectivity of the City's transportation network. **Moving New Orleans Bikes (MNOB)** is the first of several focused strategies to be implemented under this framework. MNOB is a joint initiative of the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Department of Public Works that is designed to accelerate the construction of a 75-mile connected low-stress bikeway network.

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