



PROJECT SUMMARY: MacArthur Blvd

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along MacArthur Blvd between General de Gaulle Drive and Woodland Drive. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



MacArthur Blvd is approximately 1.7 miles long and is one of several key east-west major streets in Algiers. The land uses along the majority of MacArthur Blvd are residential, but commercial destinations are located between General de Gaulle Drive and Holiday Drive.

MacArthur Blvd Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

A total of 327 crashes were recorded on MacArthur Blvd over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in one fatality and the injury of 274 people. Most crashes occurred at Holiday Drive (123) followed by General De Gaulle Drive (44) and Kabel Drive (29). There were five crashes involving pedestrians, one of which resulted in a fatality and six crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements include installing protected bike lanes, improving access to bus stops, improving intersection geometry, and installing crosswalks. Between General de Gaulle Drive and Holiday Drive, the westbound lanes will be reconfigured as a two-way protected bike lane and two vehicular lanes, while the eastbound configuration will remain as two vehicular lanes, a one-way bike lane, and a parking lane. Between Holiday Drive and Kabel Drive, the roadway will be reconfigured to two vehicular lanes and a protected bike lane in each direction. Between Kabel Drive and Woodland Drive, the roadway will be reconfigured as one vehicular lane, one parking lane, and a protected bike lane in each direction. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, and make MacArthur Blvd a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

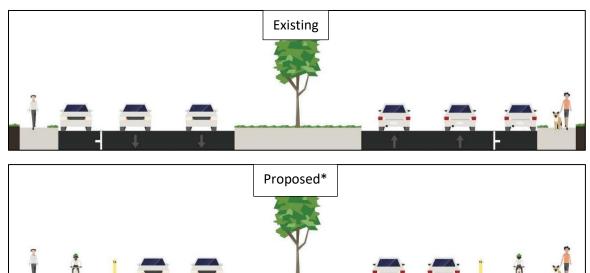
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Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for MacArthur Blvd (Kabel Dr to Woodland Dr)

Public Outreach

A series of Citywide Bike Network Planning Meetings were held in 2019.

- April Eight meetings were held to gather public input in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July August Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- August Two preliminary design review meetings were held in Algiers to discuss the first phase of bikeways that were proposed for construction.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June 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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