Fact Sheet: Lafitte Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

City of New Orleans
Department of
Public Works

Project Summary:

The Lafitte Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Path is a 2.6-mile multi-use trail and linear park connecting the French Quarter to Bayou St. John and Mid-City. Funded by Disaster Community Development Block Grants and Louisiana Recreational Trails grants, the $9.1 million Lafitte Greenway project was designed with extensive input from neighborhood and civic groups.

Project Facts:

The Lafitte Corridor Revitalization Plan was developed by the City Planning Commission in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. More than two dozen community and stakeholder meetings were held to develop the Lafitte Corridor Revitalization Plan. The first element of Plan to go into construction is the Lafitte Greenway Bicycle/Pedestrian Path, tree planting, and lighting. The off-street trail will allow travel from N. Alexander and St. Louis streets in Mid-City to St. Louis and Basin streets, one block from the French Quarter.

Scope of Work

The scope of this project includes:

- Construction of an accessible, 2.6 mile continuous 12-foot wide asphalt multi-use path
- Clearing, grading and replanting of the project site, including planting new ball fields, meadows, trees and landscaping
- New sidewalks crossing the park
- Lighting, signal-enhanced street crossings, improved drainage, and improved transit stops
- Converting St. Louis St. from N. Carrollton Ave. to Soloman St. to a one-way street in the lakebound direction

Timeline

Construction began in March 2014 and is scheduled to through early summer 2015.

What to expect during construction:

Residents and commuters traveling to and from the area should exercise caution when driving, bicycling or walking near active construction sites. Types of temporary construction impacts to expect include limited access to areas within the construction zones, detours, movement of heavy equipment, safety signage and sounds.

The project was designed by Design Workshop. In general, construction crews will be working from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The construction contract was awarded to Durr Heavy Construction.

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