

New Orleans FEMA Optimized Group 2
BW Cooper, Gert Town,
Dixon Group A & D

December 8, 2025

Meeting Agenda

- Meet the Team

Elise Williams, District A Liaison, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement

- Program Overview & Project Information

Jahan Aghakasiri, Project Manager, Department of Public Works

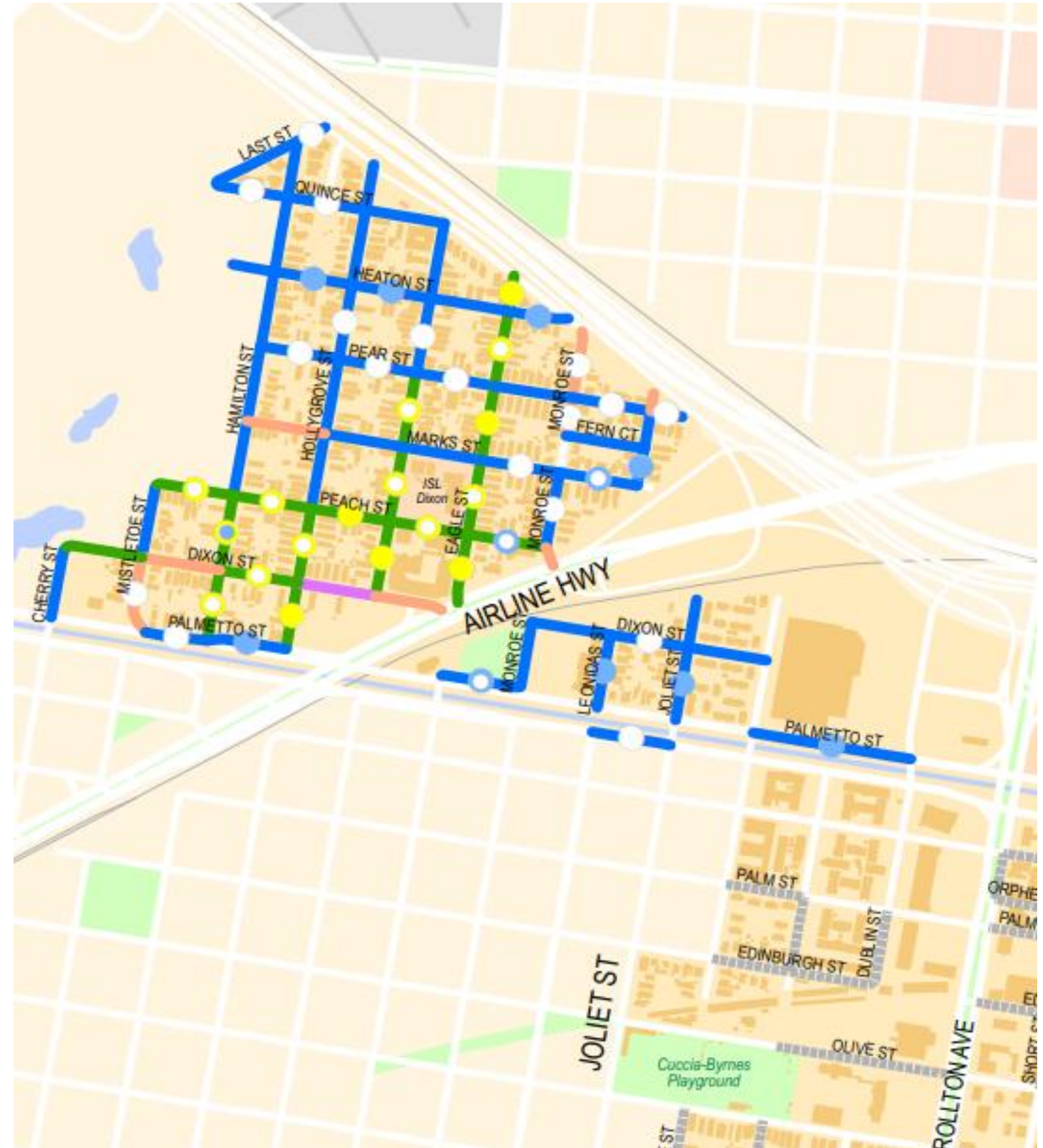
Jazmin Carter, Construction Manager, Sewerage & Water Board

- Stay Informed

Socorro "Soki" Salazar, Communication Specialist, Department of Public Works

- Questions & Answers

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Meet the Team

Socorro “Soki” Salazar, DPW Communication Specialists

- Soki works with the project team during construction advocate for you, provide updates, and help resolve project related issues.

Elise Williams, NEO District A Liaison

- She hosts Community Office Hours Monday through Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in various locations based on the weekday. If you are facing any issues that affect your quality of life, please meet with him/her or reach out via e-mail/phone.

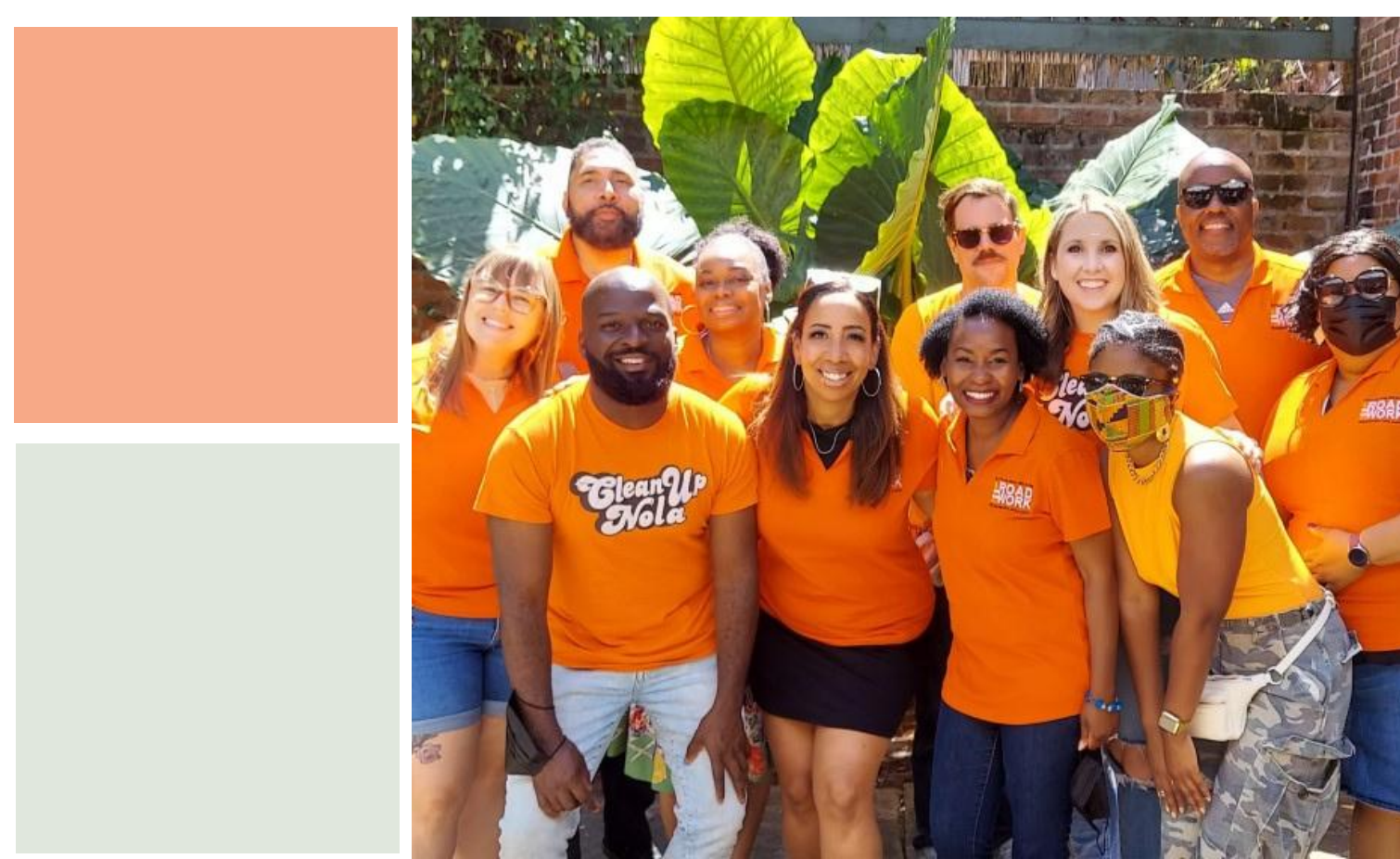
- Monday: Mid-City Library (4140 Canal St)
- Tuesday: Life Transformation Center (8606 Marks St)
- Wednesday: Smith Library (6301 Canal Bkvd)

Jahan Aghakasiri, DPW Project Manager

- Jahan is here to manage the entire project team during construction and to ensure the work meets city specifications.

Jazmin Carter, SWBNO Project Manager

- Jazmin works with the contractors and engineers to manage sewer and water utilities to ensure work meets city specifications.



Joint Infrastructure Recovery Request (JIRR) program:

What We've Accomplished

- Improved over 5,000 blocks citywide through completed infrastructure projects
- More than 1,000 blocks currently under construction
- Coordinated efforts between DPW and SWBNO have addressed critical sewer, water, drainage, and roadway systems

Where We Are Now

- The final phase of the FEMA-funded Joint Infrastructure Recovery Response (JIRR) program is underway
- 7 project groups remain, representing 19 construction projects totaling approximately \$300 million in fully funded improvements
- These projects will upgrade roadways and underground utilities on more than 370 blocks
- All projects have scheduled bid dates and are now overseen by the City's contracted program management team

Why the Shift

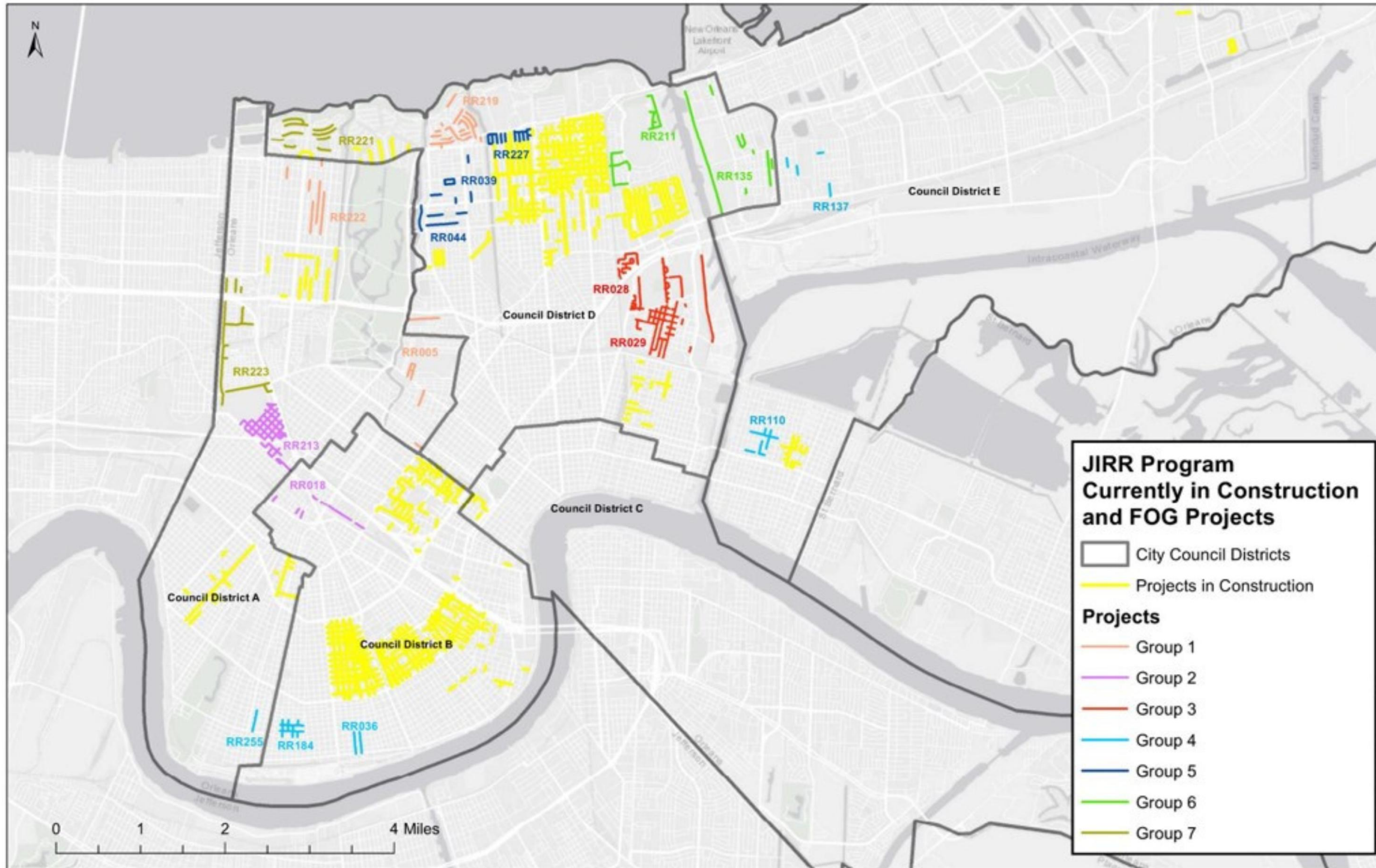
- Expanded scopes and 2022 inflation significantly increased construction costs
- The City worked with FEMA to identify additional funding, but at this time, no additional FEMA funds are available
- With a dedicated program manager now in place, we've been able to reassess the program and align final deliverables with available resources

What's Next

- The 7 NOFOG project groups represent the final phase of JIRR work
- Each project includes full reconstruction of roadways and underground infrastructure
- Unfunded segments identified during program reconciliation will require alternative funding
- The City's Administration is proposing a bond sale to help close remaining infrastructure gaps and continue progress



JIRR Program - New Orleans FEMA Optimized Group (NOFOG) Projects



Final Phase – JIRR NOFOG Projects

- 7 project groups - including 19 construction projects across the city
- Approximately \$300 million in total investment
- All projects are fully funded with scheduled bid dates
- Selected after reconciling all available FEMA resources
 - Equitably distributed across the city
 - All projects were already in final or completed design phases
 - Each includes full roadway reconstruction (water, sewer, and drainage)

Types of Construction in the program



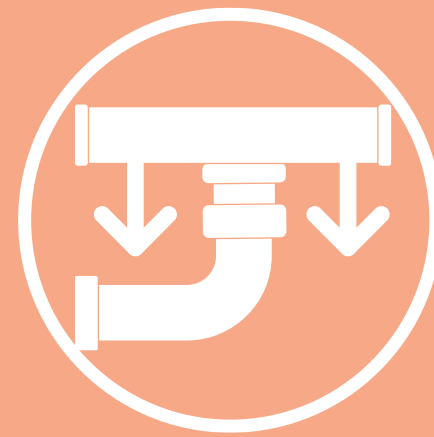
Surface Repairs

- Minor repairs (patching)
- Complete Resurfacing



Streetscape Improvements

- Sidewalk
- Sidewalk Ramps



Subsurface Repairs

- Sewer Lines
- Drainage Lines
- Water Lines


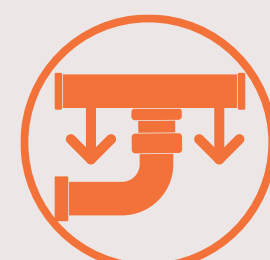



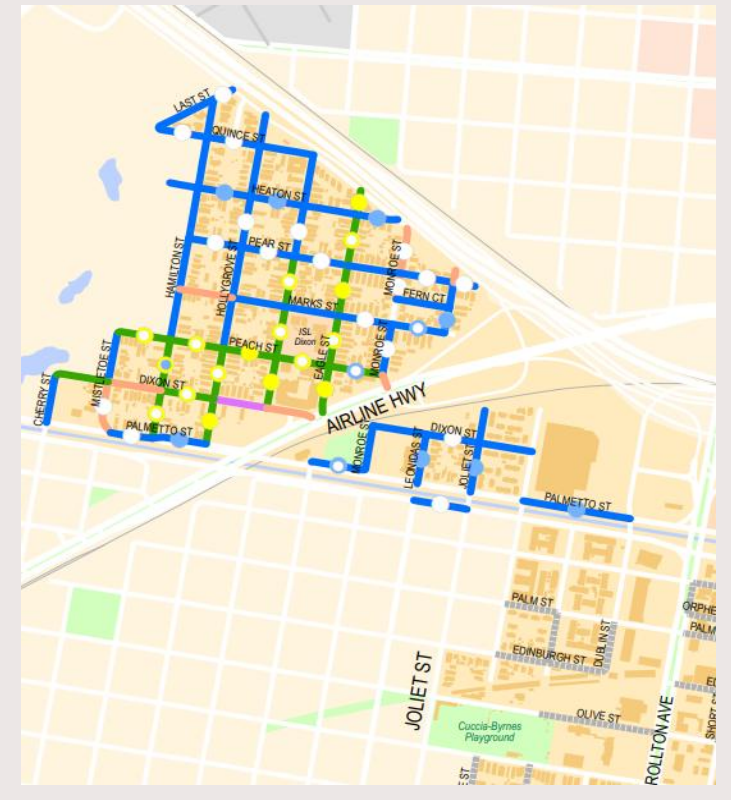
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Project Overview: At-A-Glance

Start Date	January 2026
End Date	Fall 2027
Construction Cost	\$16.6M
Funding Source	FEMA
Contractor	Barriere Construction Company
Design Engineer	Pivotal Engineering LLC
Blocks Improved	80 blocks
City Contact	Socorro "Soki" Salazar

Type of Construction	Full Reconstruction & Patch Mill/Overlay	
		
Surface Repairs A new, smooth roadway	Subsurface Repairs New underground utilities which means better service.	Streetscape Improvements ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections



Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans



- *The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans has sewer repairs and water line replacements within numerous block of this project .*
- *All water test closures for this project have been conducted. Therefore, expediting the water line installation processing by at least two to three weeks.*
- *All water line replacements will be connected through full line tie ins that will be communicated to residents within 72 hours before disruptions.*



What to Expect Onsite during construction



Temporary Construction Impacts:

- ✓ Noise, dust, debris
- ✓ Equipment and materials staged in your area
- ✓ The possibility of more standing water than usual during rain events
- ✓ More activity and people in the area
- ✓ Removal or disruption of right of way plantings
- ✓ Everything will be secured on site ahead of any major storm event



We're here to help! Let us know if...

- Any changes to garbage and US Postal services will be communicated in advance
- Debris or materials remaining after the allotted seven work days
- If you aren't getting notices or alerts, make sure to Text ROADWORK to 77295 or go to ready.nola.gov/alerts for updates

Types of Notifications you may receive



Notice of Construction

Sent a week before work begins in your area. Includes important info about:

- Construction timeline
- Impacts to parking, mail delivery, and trash pickup
- Updates sent every 30 days during construction

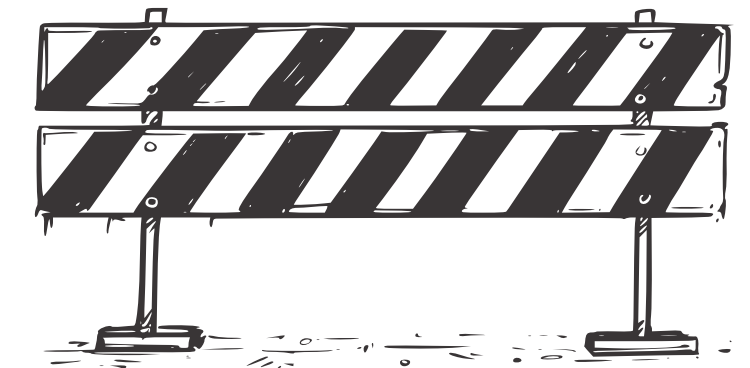
Delivery methods: Flyer, door hanger, signage, text and email



Notice of Water Service Disruption

Sent 72 hours in advance of planned water shutoffs for waterline work

Delivery methods: flyer, door hanger, signage, text, and email



Road Closure Notification

Notice that one or more travel lanes (vehicle or pedestrian) will be temporarily closed.

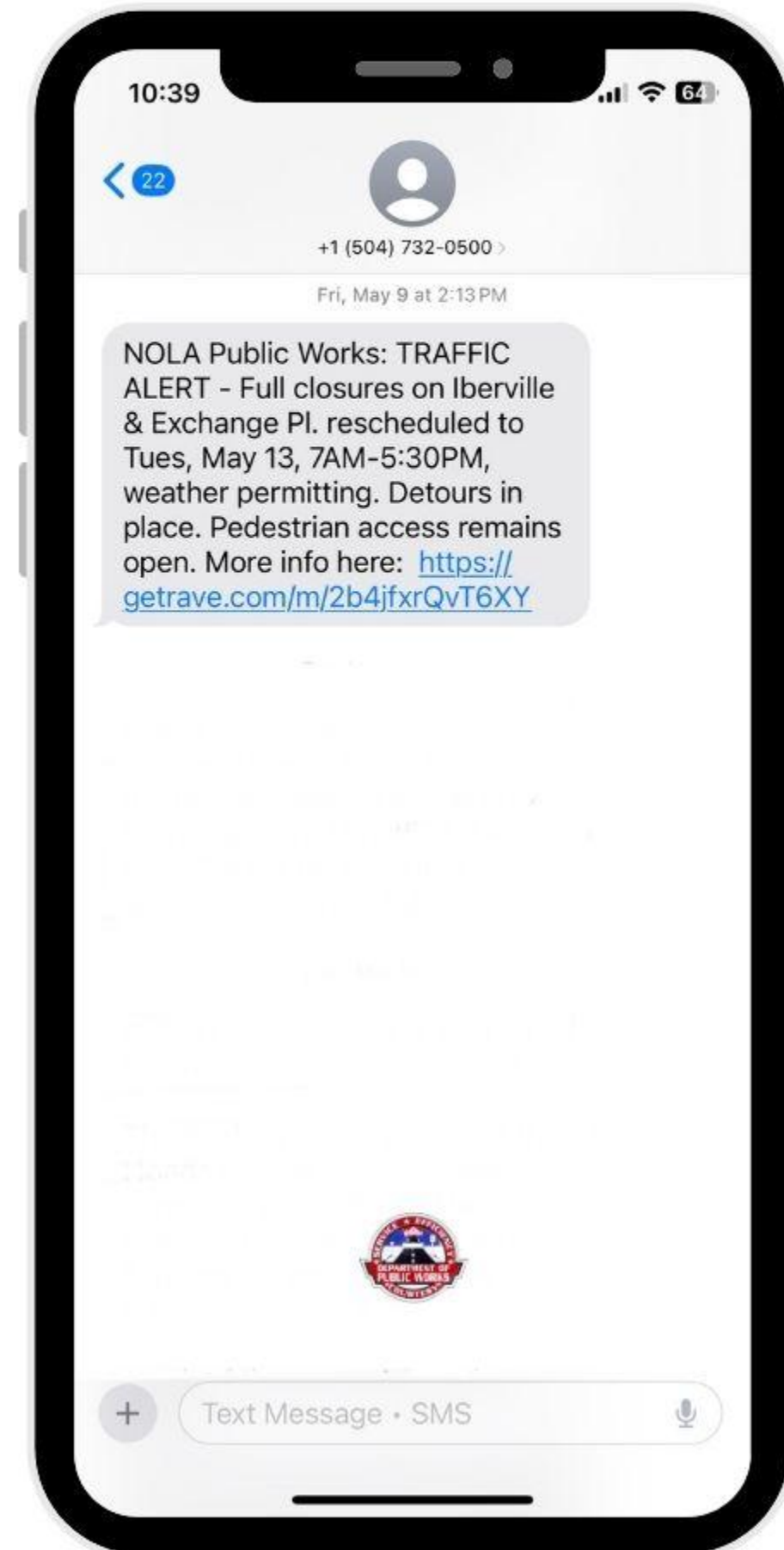
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Text Alerts !!

Sign up to be notified when work will require major road closures, emergency water shutoffs, or other significant impacts via text or email.

To sign up for **NOLA Public Works** text alerts, text ROADWORK to 77295 or go to ready.nola.gov/alerts to create a whole profile and select the “roadwork” alert list.



Stay Informed

with alerts & social media



E-Newsletter

Receive regular email updates on active DPW construction projects.

Visit nola.gov/DPW/projects, select your project, then click the blue box to sign up

Follow Us on Social Media



NextDoor – Construction updates, notifications & service disruptions



Instagram – Project highlights, behind-the-scenes content & announcements


Projects

DPW773 2024 Right of Way (ROW) Improvements



The City of New Orleans Department of Public Works (DPW) is currently performing infrastructure repairs as part of the **DPW773 Right of Way (ROW) Improvements** project. Construction began in December 2024 and is scheduled to continue through Q2 2025, weather permitting.

The project includes roadway patching, milling and overlay work, sidewalk repairs, and curb work at various locations throughout the area.

 [Subscribe for email updates](#)

Project Info

Status	In Construction
Location	Various Locations in the French Quarter

Contact Us

The Community Outreach Specialist assigned to this project is Socorro 'Soki' Salazar. Soki will be your point of contact for questions and concerns throughout the duration of construction.




Socorro 'Soki' Salazar

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 NextDoor

Questions



This meeting is to keep you informed with key details about the construction operations that will be happening in your area. Here are examples of on-topic and off-topic questions:

On Topic

How will I be impacted?

What's the timeline for this project?

How do I get more information on projects in my area?

Off Topic

Can I suggest a route changed route?

When will 1234 Main Street be repaired?

Can the contractor cut down my tree?



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