

New Orleans FEMA Optimized Group 3

Desire Group C & Desire Group D
Community Meeting

AUGUST 12, 2025

Meet the Team

Socorro Sokl Salazar & Jenavi ACE Eziemefe DPW Communication Specialist

- They work with the project team to provide you with construction updates and help resolve project-related issues.

Oliver Fletcher, NEO District D Liaison

- He 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.

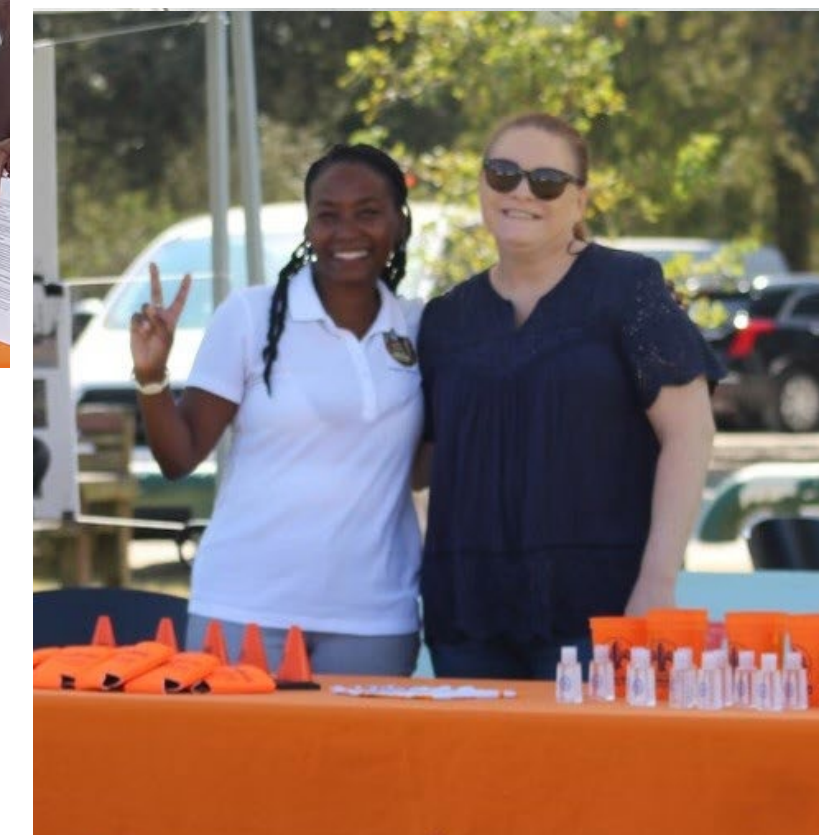
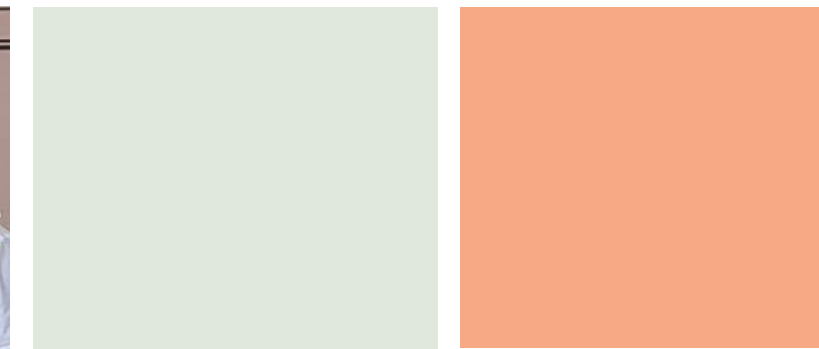
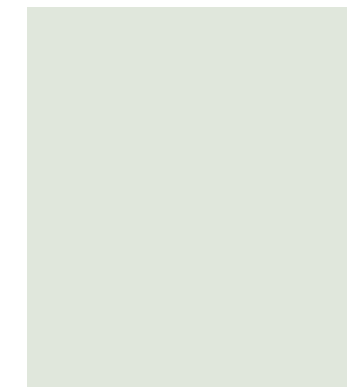
- Monday: Nora Navra Library (1902 St. Bernard Ave)
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- Wednesday: Pontilly Coffee (4000 Chef Menteur Hwy)

Keiron Williams, SWBNO Project Manager

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

Andres Gonzalez, DPW Project Manager

- He is here to work with the contractors and engineers. They manage construction and ensure work is completed according to the plans and 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

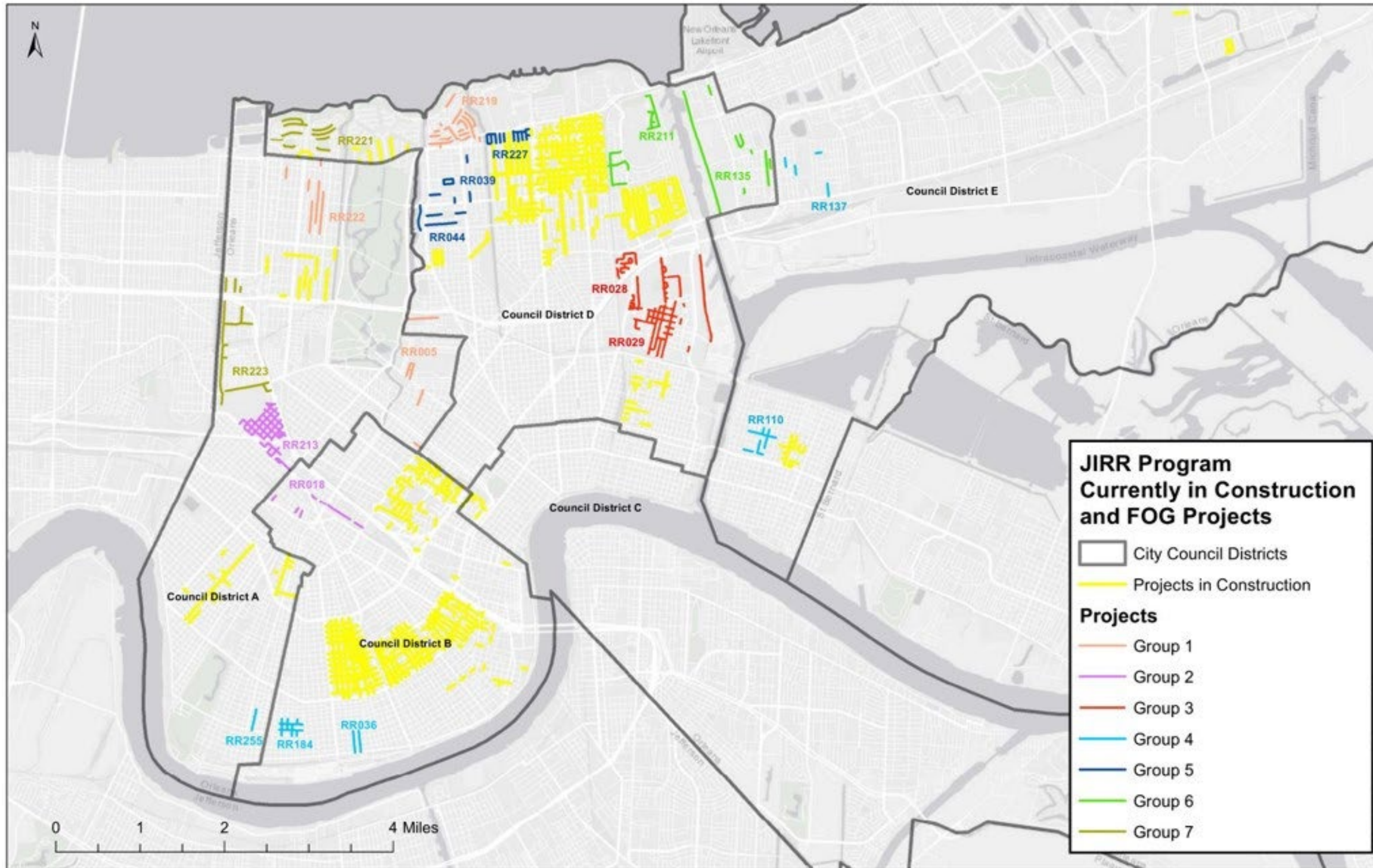
- Expanded scopes and 2022 inflation significantly increased construction costs
- The City worked with FEMA to identify additional funding, but at this time, no additional FEMA funds are available
- With a dedicated program manager now in place, we've been able to reassess the program and align final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

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



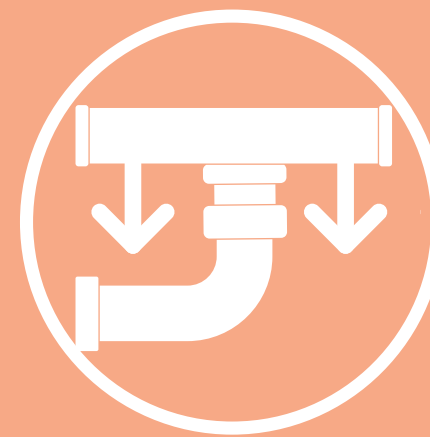
Surface Repairs

- Minor repairs (patching)
- Complete Resurfacing



Streetscape Improvements

- Sidewalk
- Sidewalk Ramps

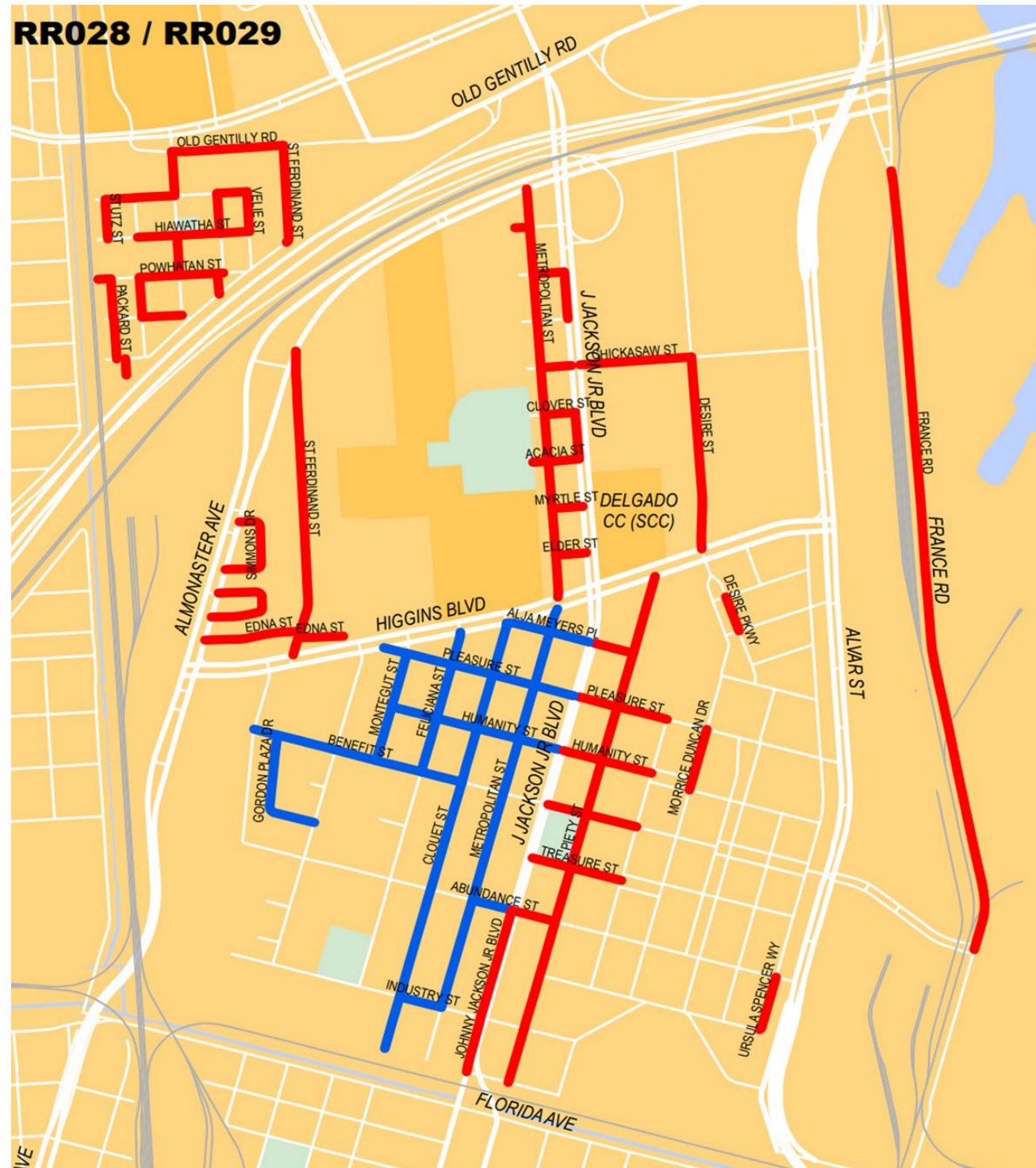


Subsurface Repairs

- Drainage Lines
- Sewer Line
- Water Lines

About the Project

Desire Group C & D Projects



Desire Group C & D

Start Date

August 2025

End Date

Winter
2028

Please note that all schedules are subject to change and weather delays.

Scan here for a detailed view of the project area map.






Desire Group C



Project Overview: At-A-Glance

Start Date	August 2025
End Date	Winter 2028
Construction Cost	\$21.1M
Funding Source	FEMA
Contractor	Hard Rock Construction, LLC
Design Engineer	Linfield, Hunter, & Junius Inc
Blocks Improved	61
City Contact	Ajenavi "Ace" Eziemefe

Type of Construction	Full Reconstruction		
			
Surface Repairs Anew, smooth roadway	Subsurface Repairs New underground utilities which means better service.	Streetscape Improvements ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections	




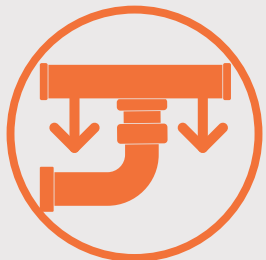



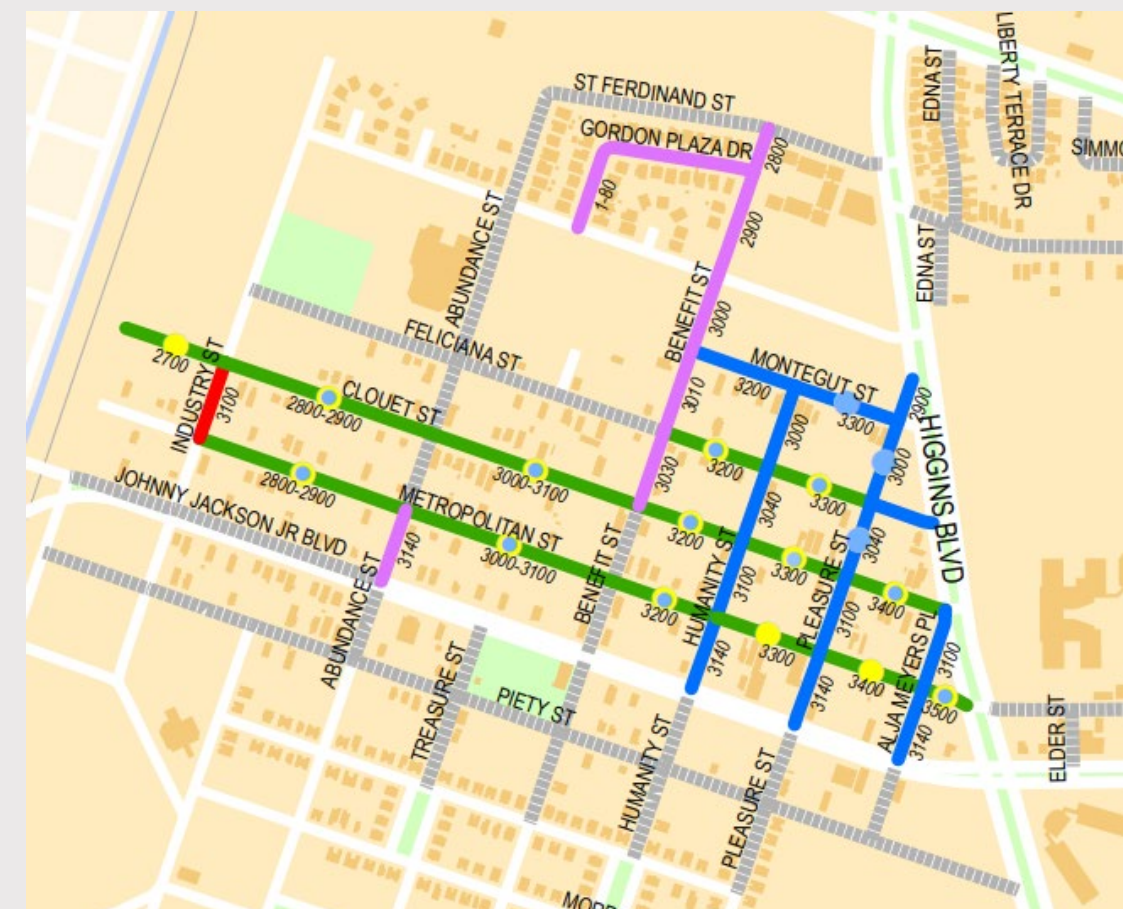
Desire Group D



Project Overview: At-A-Glance

Start Date	August 2025
End Date	Winter 2028
Construction Cost	\$20.5M
Funding Source	FEMA
Contractor	Hard Rock Construction, LLC
Design Engineer	Arcadis
Blocks Improved	39
City Contact	Socorro "Soki" Salazar

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Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans



- The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans has sewer repairs and water line replacements within numerous blocks of this project.
- All water test closures for this project have been conducted. Therefore, expediting the water line installation process 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 flooding than usual during rain events



Contractor and subcontractor on site meetings with staff



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 blocking driveway
- If you aren't getting notices or alerts, make sure to Text ROADWORK to 77295 or go to

ready.nola.gov/alerts for updates

Environmental Practices



- Exploratory Potholing - Before we begin construction on a new block, small, controlled excavations will be performed to collect soil samples and check for potential contamination. The findings will help determine whether additional safety precautions are needed as well as identify how the existing soils need to be disposed offsite.
 - This work is being performed in collaboration with DPW's environmental engineers who have worked extensively at this site.
- Air monitoring - A machine will be on-site to monitor dust levels in the air during construction. If levels become too high, the system will alert the crew so that we can respond promptly to remediate and adjust practices of needed.

Types of Notifications you may receive



Notice of Construction

Sent 30 days 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

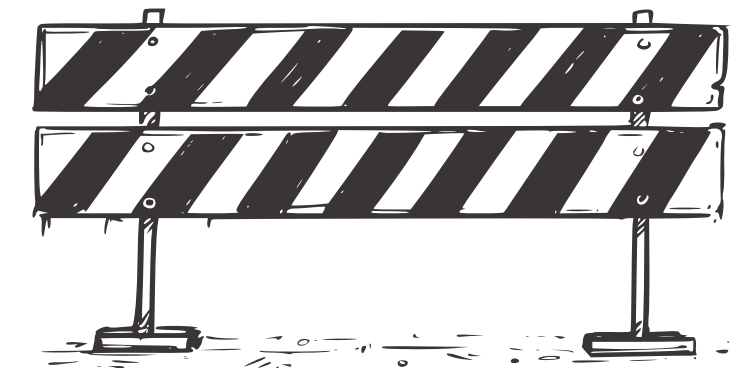
Delivery methods: Flyer, door hanger, signage, text, and email



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.

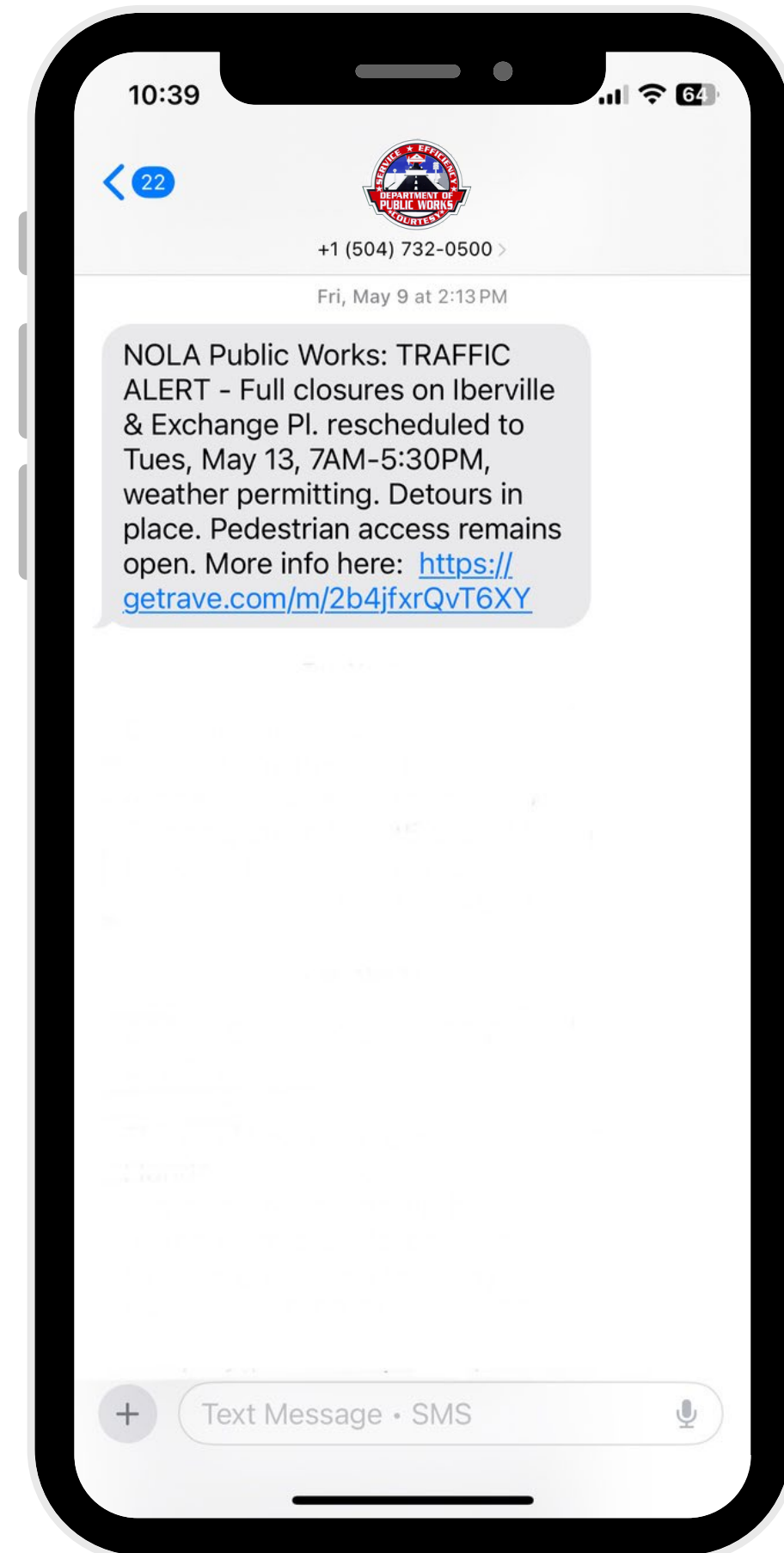
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Text Alerts!

Stay informed with 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



There are 2 Communication Specialists to ensure the community is supported effectively for each area. They will be your point of contact for questions and concerns throughout the duration of construction.

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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?