New Orleans FEMA (NOFOG) Optimized Group 6

Lakeshore Group C and D

City of New Orleans

March 18, 2026

Agenda

1. **Meet the Team**

   Elise Williams, Outreach and City Council Liaison, Department of Public Works

2. **Program Overview & Project Information**

   Gabriel Morejon, Project Manager, Department of Public Works

   David "Patrick" Taylor, Construction Manager, Sewerage and Water Board

3. **Stay Informed**

   Ajenavi "ACE" Eziemefe, Communications Specialist, Department of Public Works

4. **Questions & Answers**

   Elise Williams, Outreach and City Council Liaison, Department of Public Works

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

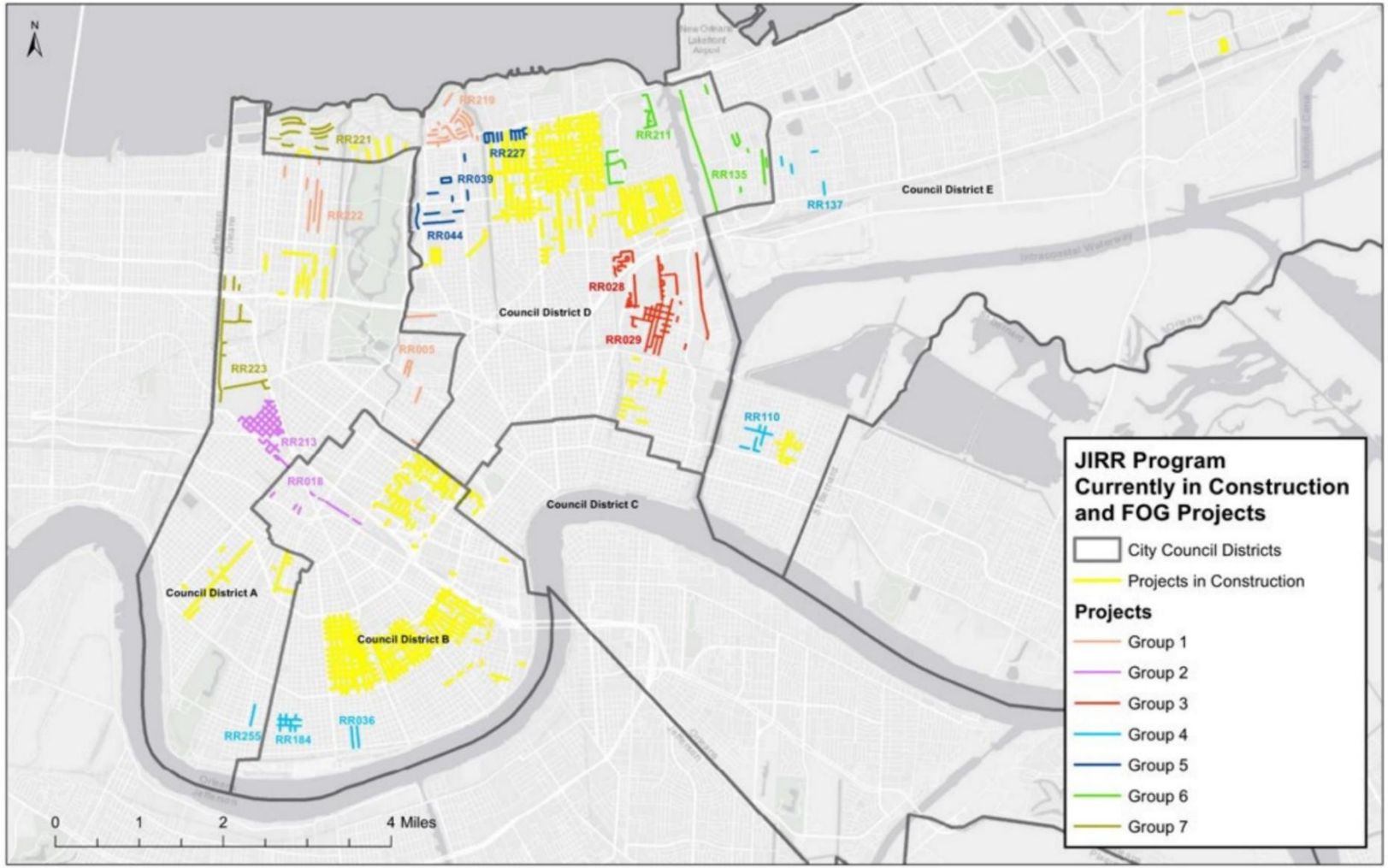
Why the Shift

- 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

Joint Infrastructure Recovery Request (JIRR) program:



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)

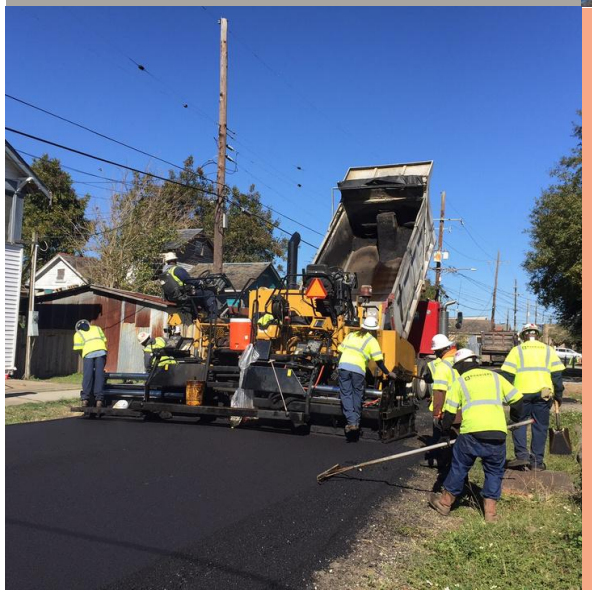
Types of Construction in the JIRR Program

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	March 2026
End Date	Summer 2027
Construction Cost	$5.4M
Funding Source	FEMA
Contractor	RNGD
Design Engineer	Infinity
Blocks Improved	10 blocks
City Contact	Ajenavi “ACE” Eziemefe

Project Scope: Full Reconstruction

Surface Repairs
A new, smooth roadway

Subsurface Repairs
New underground utilities which means better service.

Streetscape Improvements
ADA-compliant curb ramps at intersections

Sewerage & 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 During Construction

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

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

Types of Notifications You May Receive

Notice of Construction

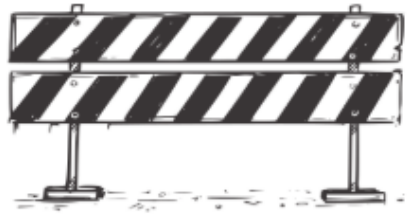
Sent **30 days before work begins** in your area. Includes important info about:

- 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 **24–48 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.

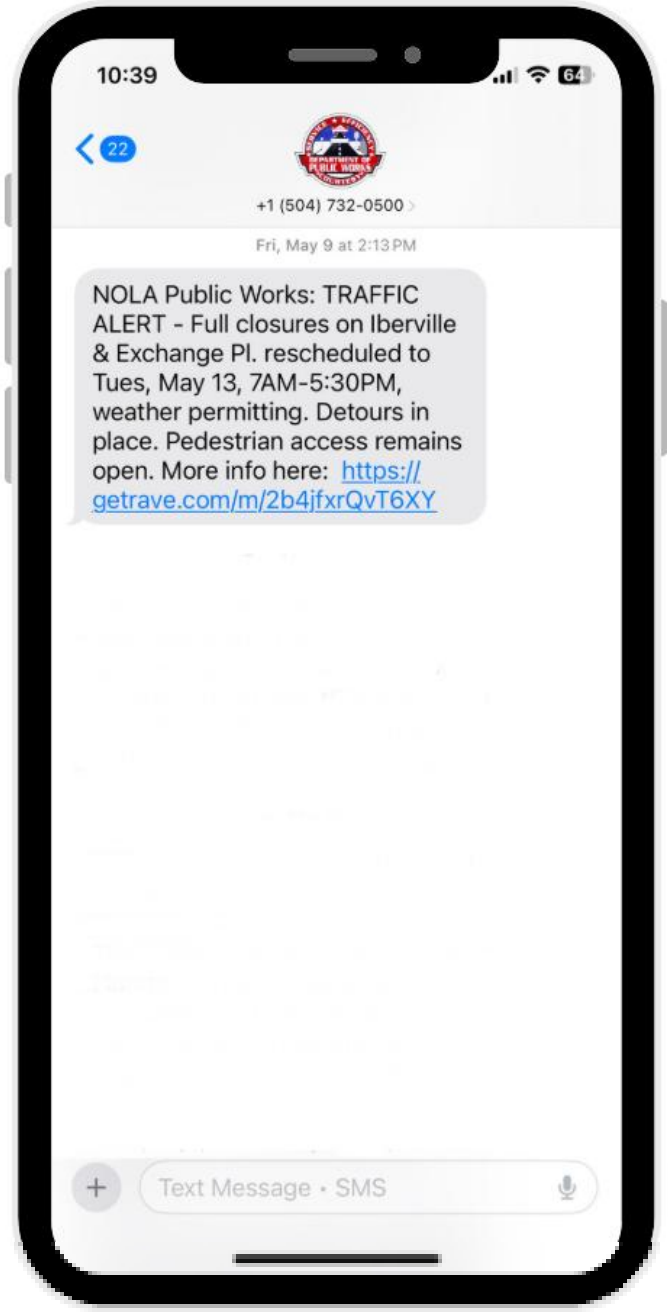
Delivery methods: Text, and email

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.

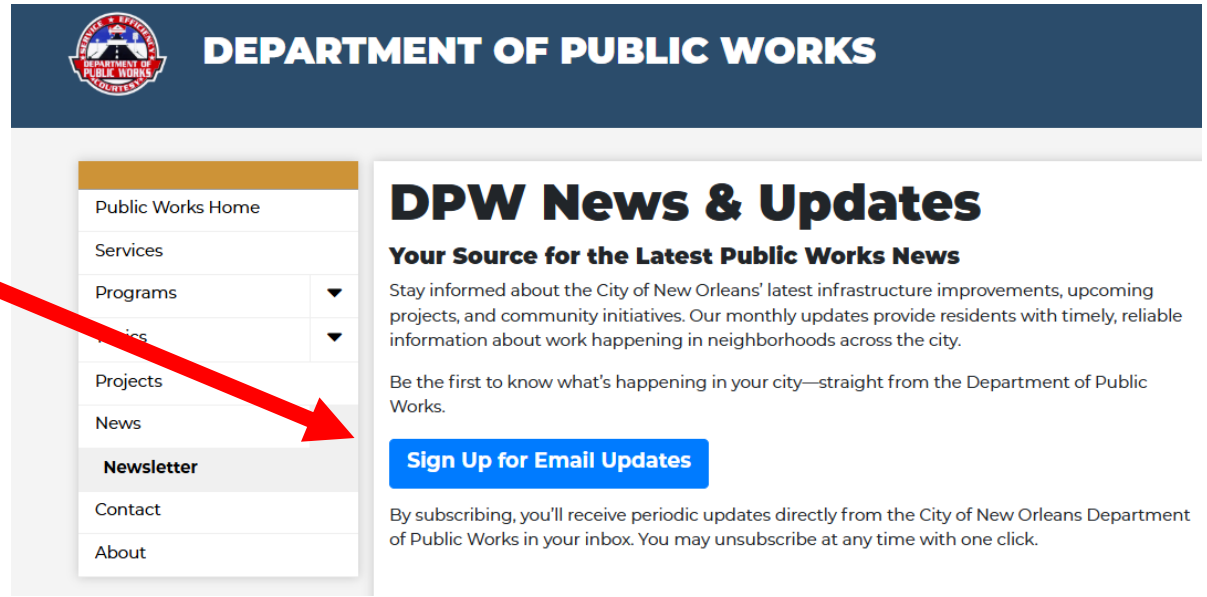
To sign up for **NOLA Public Works** text alerts, text **ROADWORK** to **77295** or go to ready.nola.gov/alerts to create a whole profile and select the “roadwork” alert list.



Stay Informed During Construction

DPW E-Newsletter

Stay informed with regular email updates on active DPW construction projects. Visit nola.gov/DPWnewsletter to subscribe and view archived newsletters.



Follow Us on Social Media

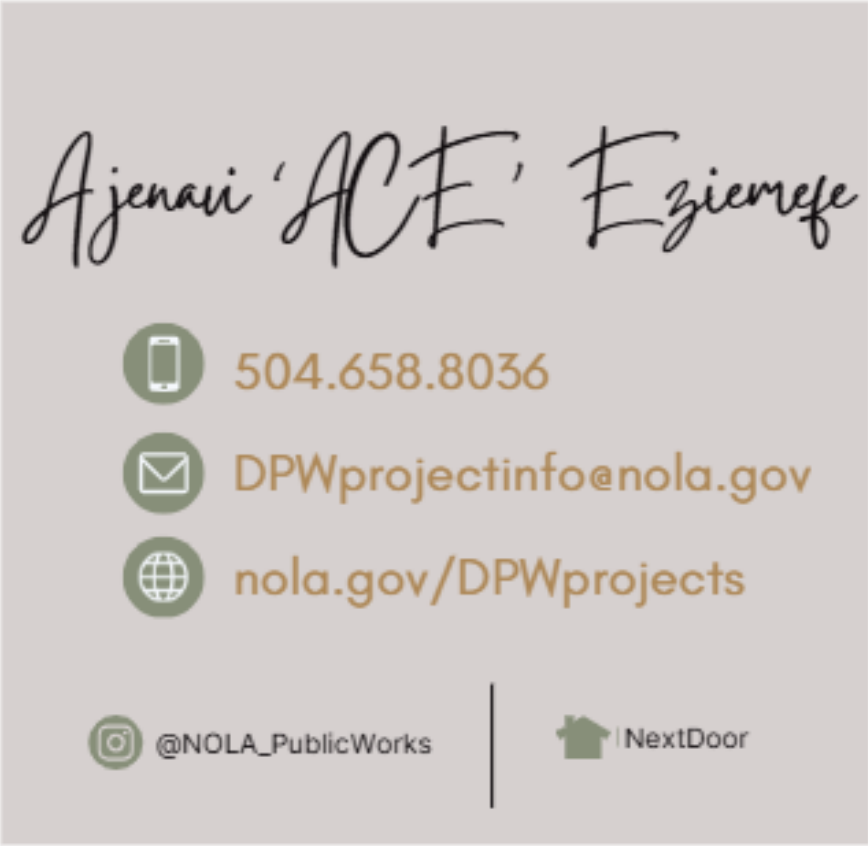
- **NextDoor** – Construction updates, notifications & service disruptions.
- **Instagram** – Project highlights, behind the scenes content & announcements

Contact Us

The Department of Public Works has a **designated Communications Specialist** assigned to this project who will:

- Serve as your **primary point of contact** for questions or concerns
- Provide timely updates throughout the duration of construction
- Coordinate community notifications and outreach

You will also have access to a **project-specific webpage** with up-to-date information, including traffic advisories, project timelines, construction updates and key milestones.



Questions