



Connecting New Orleans East

The Project

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In March 2024, the City of New Orleans received federal funding approval for the initial phase of the Connecting New Orleans East Project (DPW780). The intent of this project is to enhance connectivity throughout New Orleans East and improve the safety of the I-10 Service Roads. A 2022 study by the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission identified that 6% of the city's fatal pedestrian crashes happen on the service roads and recommended infrastructure improvements.

Starting in February 2026, DPW and a consultant team led by Mott MacDonald, LLC have hosted a series of collaborative scoping workshops with community stakeholders. The project team also is facilitating public meetings to determine a feasible design scope that meets the project's intent.

The project is now moving into the preliminary design phase, utilizing public feedback about concerns, safety and connectivity. This feedback came from community surveys, canvassing and meeting comments. Preliminary design is expected to conclude in September 2026.

Funding for this initial phase of the project is made possible through a grant from the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) program. The City must secure additional funding to finalize the design and construct the project.

Preliminary Design Project Features and Benefits

- Project implementation phasing by segments along the N/S Service Roads
- Lighting and landscaping along the I-10 Service Roads and major intersections
- Creating new opportunities for health and fitness with shared use paths
- Connecting residents of all ages and abilities to destinations such as schools, parks, commercial areas, and institutional buildings.
- Increasing traffic safety for the 64,000 people who use or live near the I-10 Service Roads
- Linking the I-10 corridor to existing and future trails and greenspaces
- Generating new infrastructure job opportunities

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