



PROJECT SUMMARY: Decatur Street

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Decatur Street between Esplanade Avenue and Dumaine Street. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



The Decatur Street project is approximately 5 blocks long and is an upriver-downriver neighborhood street connecting the Marigny and the French Quarter. The land uses along Decatur Street are primarily ground level commercial retail with upper floor residential. Decatur Street is also a route for the No. 5 Marigny-Bywater and No. 55 Elysian Fields buses.

Decatur Street Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

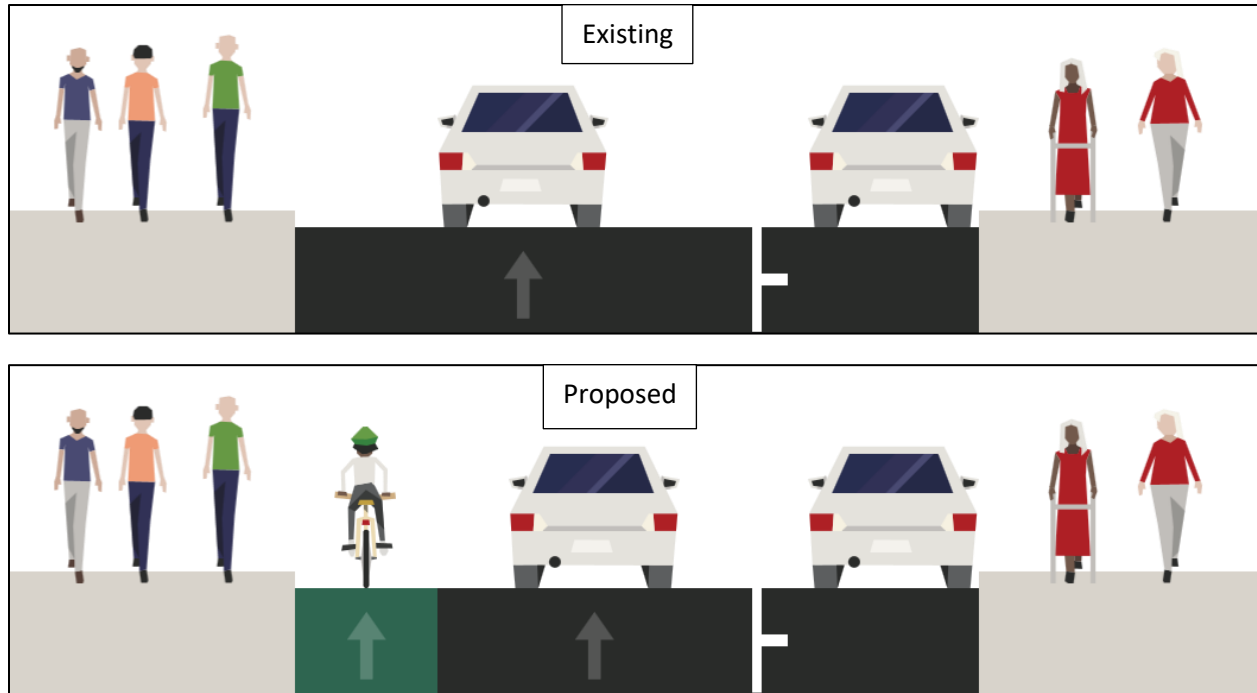
A total of 173 crashes were recorded on Decatur Street over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in one fatality and the injury of 57 people. Most crashes occurred at Barracks Street (37) followed by St. Philip Street (33) and Ursulines Avenue (29). There were nine crashes involving pedestrians, including one fatality and 17 crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

This project seeks to balance the needs of all roadway users, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy. Improvements include adding a bike lane, installing marked crosswalks, and improving intersection geometry and sight distances. Between Esplanade Avenue and Dumaine Street, the roadway will be reconfigured as a bike lane, one general traffic lane and a parking lane. The proposed improvements are designed to improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Decatur Street a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

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Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for
Decatur Street (Esplanade Avenue to Dumaine Street)

Public Outreach

- April 2019 - Eight meetings were held to gather public input for a citywide bicycle network in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July – August 2019 – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- July 2020 – Marigny/French Quarter community meeting to discuss upcoming proposed roadway projects including bikeway implementation.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June 2019 through an online interactive bike network planning map. A total of 2,288 people commented and made recommendations.

What is Moving New Orleans?

As an initiative of Mayor LaToya Cantrell, **Moving New Orleans** is a multi-modal strategy that is focused on improving the safety, equity, efficiency and connectivity of the City's transportation network. **Moving New Orleans Bikes (MNOB)** is the first of several focused strategies to be implemented under this framework. MNOB is a joint initiative of the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Department of Public Works that is designed to accelerate the construction of a 75-mile connected low-stress bikeway network.

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