



PROJECT SUMMARY: Elysian Fields Avenue

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Elysian Fields Avenue between N. Peters Street and St. Claude Avenue. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



The Elysian Fields Avenue project is approximately 0.5 miles long and is one of several key river-to-lake streets in the Marigny and 7th Ward. The land uses along Elysian Fields Avenue area are a mix of residential, park, and commercial retail. Elysian Fields Avenue is also a route for the No. 55 Elysian Fields bus.

Elysian Fields Avenue Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

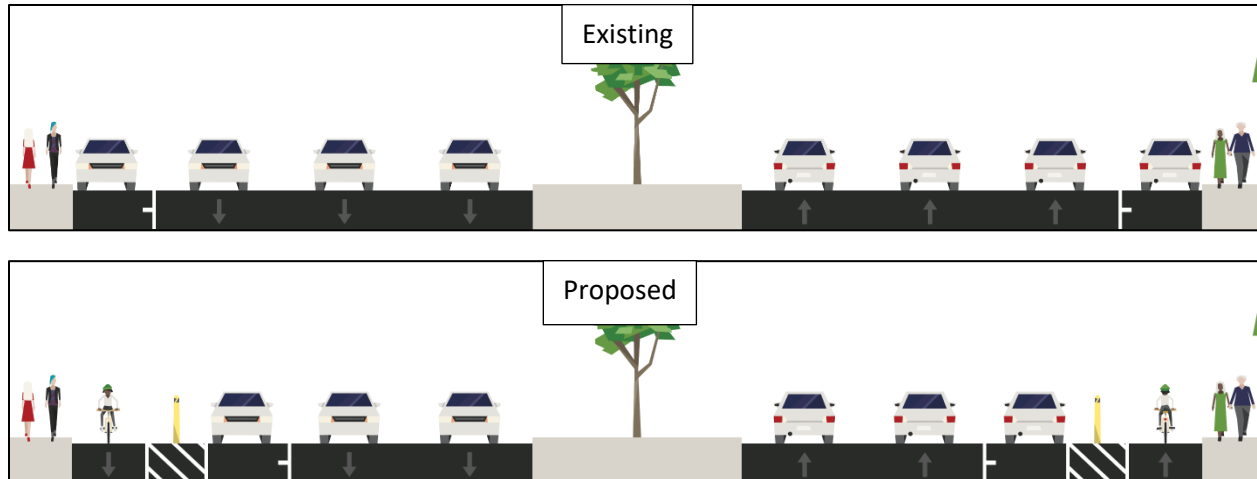
A total of 381 crashes were recorded on Elysian Fields Avenue over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in one fatality and the injury of 245 people. Most crashes occurred at St. Claude Avenue (149) followed by Royal Street (53) and North Rampart Street (46). There were 20 crashes involving pedestrians and 21 crashes involving bicyclists, one of which resulted in a fatality.

Proposed Improvements

This project seeks to balance the needs of all roadway users, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy. Improvements include, adding protected bike lanes, improving access to bus stops, installing marked crosswalks, and improving intersection geometry and sight distances. Between N. Peters Street and St. Claude Avenue, the roadway will be reconfigured as a protected bike lane, parking lane, and two general travel lanes in each direction. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Elysian Fields Avenue a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

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Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for
Elysian Fields Avenue (N. Peters Street to St. Claude Avenue)

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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