



PROJECT SUMMARY: Howard Avenue

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



The Howard Avenue project is approximately 0.3 miles long and is a lakebound-riverbound street in the Central Business District. The land use along the majority of Howard Avenue is commercial. Howard Avenue is also a route for the St. Charles streetcar.

Howard Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

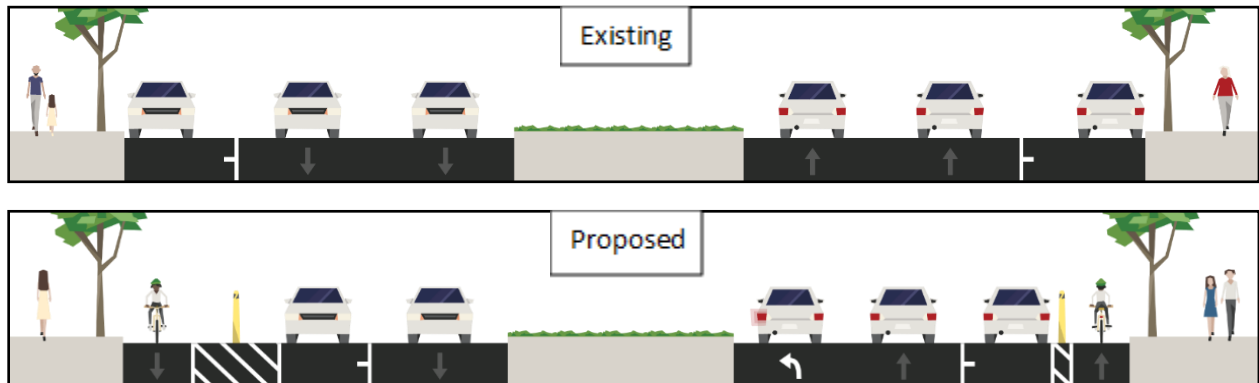
A total of 317 crashes were recorded on Howard Avenue over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in one fatality and the injury of 144 people. Most crashes occurred at O'Keefe Avenue/S. Rampart Street (104) followed by Baronne Street (103) and St. Charles Avenue (57). There were six crashes involving pedestrians and six 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 protected bike lanes, installing marked crosswalks, improving intersection geometry and sight distances at driveways. Between St. Charles Avenue and Loyola Avenue, the roadway will be reconfigured as a protected bike lane, buffer zone, parking lane, and one or two general travel lanes with exclusive turn lanes as needed on both sides of the neutral ground. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Howard Avenue a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

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Existing and proposed typical roadway cross sections for
Howard Avenue (Carondelet Street to Baronne 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.
- October 2020 – Central Business District/Warehouse District 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.

Comments, questions? Contact Roadwork NOLA

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