



PROJECT SUMMARY: Lawrence Street

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



Lawrence Street is approximately one mile long and is a low volume roadway that crosses Behrman Park in Algiers. The land uses along the majority of Lawrence Street are residential, and Behrman Park and a school located in the middle of the project corridor.

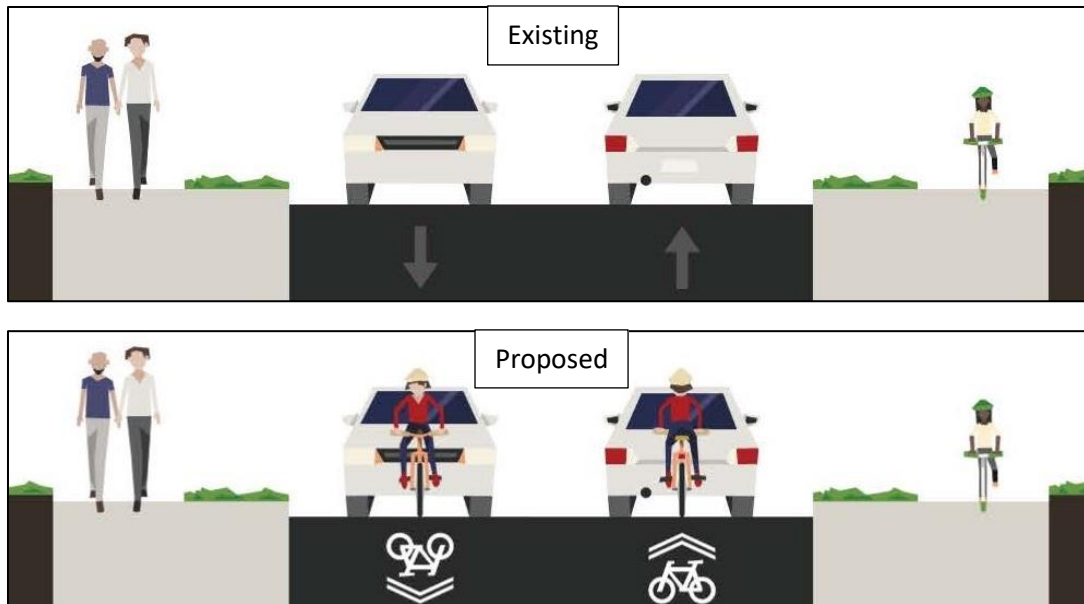
Lawrence Street Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

A total of 54 crashes were recorded on Lawrence Street over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 54 people. Most crashes involving injuries occurred at Shirley Drive (15) followed by Pace Blvd (7) and Elizardi Blvd (7). There was one crash involving a pedestrian and one crash involving a bicyclist.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements include repaving the roadway, adding curb ramps at corners, improving drainage, improving sidewalks, installing crosswalks, adding a bicycle route, and improving intersection geometry. Additionally, a shared use trail for walking and bicycling, will be constructed in Behrman Park as a direct connection between Lawrence Street on the east and west sides of the park. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, and make Lawrence Street a more comfortable place to walk, bike, and drive.





Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for Lawrence Street

Public Outreach

A series of Citywide Bike Network Planning Meetings were held in 2019.

- April - Eight meetings were held to gather public input in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July - August – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- August – Two preliminary design review meetings were held in Algiers to discuss the first phase of bikeways that were proposed for construction.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June 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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