



PROJECT SUMMARY: Newton Street

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



Newton Street is approximately 1.1 miles long and is one of several key east-west major streets in Algiers. The land uses along the majority of Newton Street are residential, with main street retail concentrated between LB Landry Ave and Behrman Avenue.

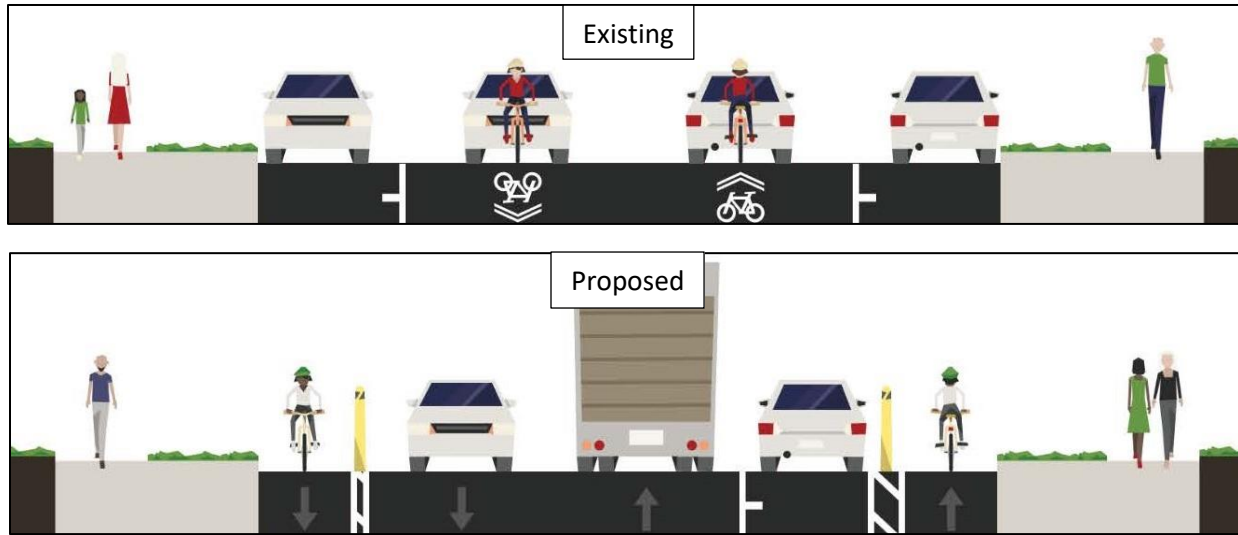
Newton Street Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

A total of 142 crashes were recorded on Newton Street over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 96 people. Most crashes involving injuries occurred at LB Landry Avenue (55) followed by Behrman Avenue (34) and Sumner Street (10). There were seven crashes involving pedestrians and two crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

Between the Mississippi River Trail and Elmira Ave, the roadway will remain one lane and parking in each direction and designated as a bicycle route. This will connect the on-street bikeway network to the existing levee trail along the river from Gretna to Federal City. Between Elmira Ave and Behrman Ave, the roadway will be reconfigured to include a vehicular and a protected bike lane in each direction, with on-street parking on the north side. The proposed improvements are designed to improve overall safety and make Newton Street a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.





Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for Newton 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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