



PROJECT SUMMARY: Royal Street

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



The Royal Street project is approximately 0.5 miles long and is a neighborhood street connecting Bywater, Marigny, and the French Quarter. The land uses along Royal Street are primarily residential, with some commercial retail, including a cluster near Frenchmen Street. While not a bus route itself, the No. 55 Elysian Fields line intersects Royal Street.

Royal Street Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

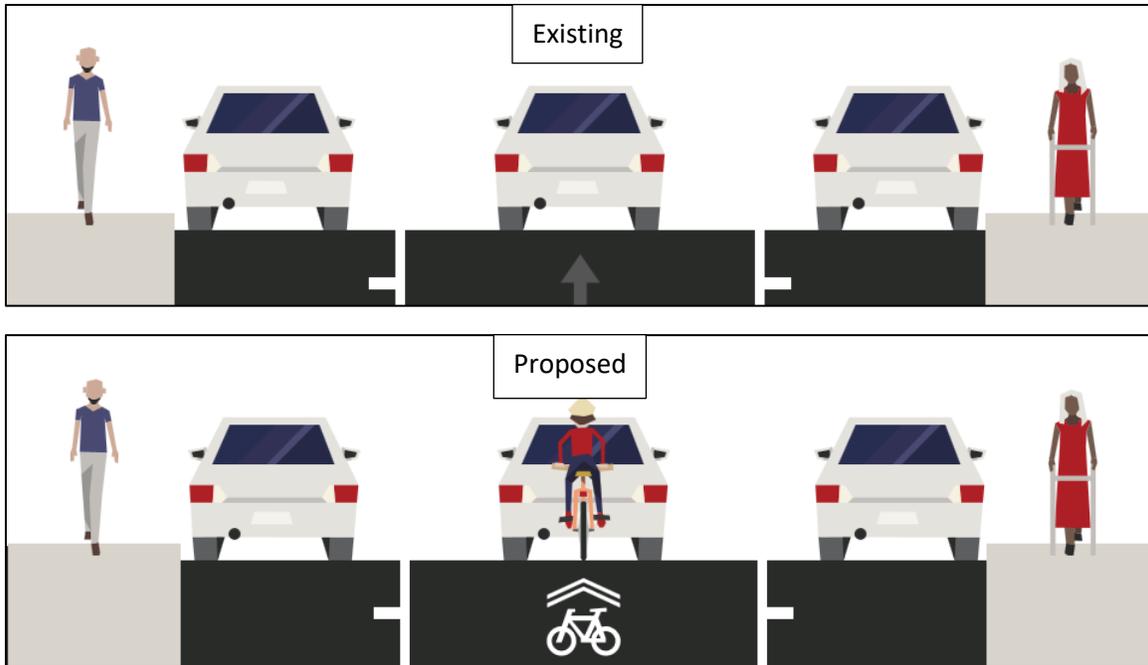
A total of 115 crashes were recorded on Royal Street over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 48 people. Most crashes occurred at Elysian Fields Avenue (46) followed by Esplanade Avenue (20) and Frenchmen Street (12). There were eight crashes involving pedestrians and seven crashes 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, repaving the roadway, designating the street as a bicycle boulevard* through signage and pavement markings, installing marked crosswalks, and improving intersection geometry and sight distances. Between Franklin Avenue and Esplanade Avenue, the roadway will remain as one general traffic lane with parking lanes on either side. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Royal Street a more comfortable place to walk, bike, and drive.

**Bicycle boulevards are streets that are designed to prioritize local traffic and bicycle travel by reducing motorized traffic speeds and volumes. Bicycle boulevards are useful for making connections through neighborhoods and other low-speed, low-traffic areas where a dedicated bikeway.*





Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for
Royal Street (Franklin Avenue to Esplanade 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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