Fact Sheet: Desire Area and Development Recovery Roads Repairs

City of New Orleans
Department of
Public Works

Project Summary:

The City of New Orleans will implement a multi-million dollar, multi-year comprehensive infrastructure improvement program to repair Hurricane Katrina related sub-surface and road damages. Types of repairs deemed eligible for improvement by FEMA include utilities, sidewalks, American with Disabilities Act compliant ramps, driveway aprons, curbs and road paving.

Project Facts:

Phase I: Between 2008-2009, the City of New Orleans performed citywide repairs to approximately 17,000 damage sites at an estimated cost of $55,200,000. The total cost of Phase I repairs completed in the Desire Area and Development area totaled approximately $490,000.

Phase II: The Desire Area and Development Recovery Roads program will include multiple construction repair projects with a total estimated value for roadway improvements that is approximately $7,000,000. Design of the future road repairs is currently underway and is being closely coordinated with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Desire Area and Development construction is scheduled to begin in the 2nd Quarter of 2015 and last through the 2nd Quarter of 2017. Road resurfacing work will be limited in some areas of Desire Area and Development.

What to expect during construction:

Residents and businesses in Desire Area and Development should exercise caution when driving, bicycling or walking near active construction sites. Residents can expect to experience temporary construction inconveniences such as limited access to areas within the construction zones, detours, movement of heavy equipment, safety signage and sounds.

In general, construction crews will be working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Road improvements in the Desire Area and Development area will be designed by Phoenix Global Engineering and Construction. Construction contracts are scheduled to be available for bid in the 1st Quarter of 2015.

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Funding Facts:

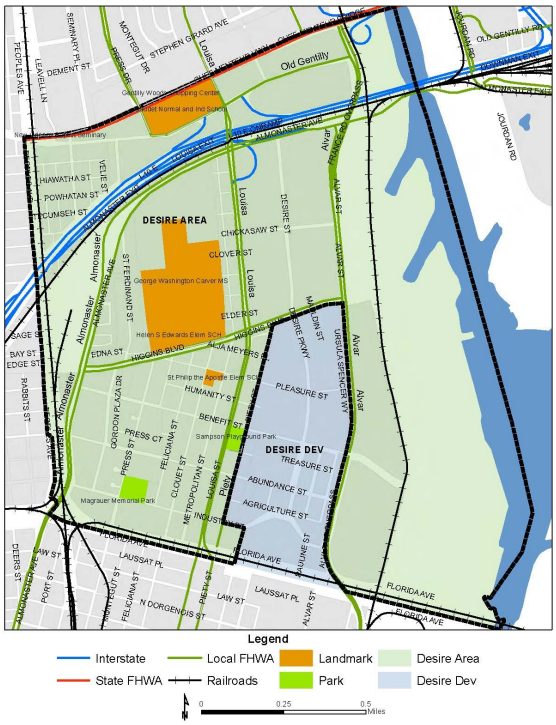
Neighborhood Area	Phase of Work	Consultants	Total Estimated Repairs
Phase I Completed Repairs	Completed	NA	$490,000
Phase II—Paving Only	Design	Phoenix Global Engineering and Construction	$7,000,000 *
	Construction	TBD	
Phase II—Road Repairs (including utilities)	Design	Phoenix Global Engineering and Construction	
	Construction	TBD	
TOTAL Repairs— Desire Area and Development			$7,490,000 *

* FEMA inspectors will be working onsite with the City's design and construction contractor teams. During construction they are likely to identify additional storm damages that may be eligible for repair. In many cases it is likely the scope of work may be adjusted to include additional repairs.

Project Area:

- *Florida Ave.*
- *Desire St.*
- *Industry St.*
- *Piety St.*
- *Higgins Blvd.*
- *Alvar St.*

DESIRE AREA/ DEVELOPMENT



Partner Agencies:

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