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Completion of Oak Street Reconstruction Project

Robert Mendoza, Director of the Department of Public Works

Monday, October 5 from 2 pm – 3 pm

On Friday, September 25, the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works reopened the Oak Street commercial corridor following nearly six months of construction. As the second of the 2004 General Obligation Bond projects delayed by the impact of Hurricane Katrina to start construction, the estimated \$5.4 million reconstruction of Oak Street from Carrollton Avenue to Leake Avenue marked another step in the recovery of the City's damaged roadways.

As part of the project, approximately 0.5 miles of asphalt pavement roadway, driveways and concrete sidewalks were removed and replaced. In addition, all affected utilities were replaced by the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps were also installed in sidewalks at all associated intersections. Where applicable, the sidewalks at intersections were extended to allow more space for greater pedestrian use, helping slow down or calm traffic at intersections and making them safer to cross. The extension also reduces the distance needed to travel by pedestrians crossing the streets; and prevents vehicles from parking too close to intersections, which improves visibility at the intersection and assures emergency vehicle access.

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