



**DPW574 Morrison Road Improvement Project**  
**City Council Public Works Committee**  
**Presentation**

**Department of Public Works | Mobility & Safety Division**

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**City of New Orleans**

March 10, 2026

# Agenda

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2. City's Complete Streets Policy
3. Project Overview/Scope of Work
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5. Project Phasing and Duration
6. Status of Work
7. Contact Information



# City's Complete Streets Policy

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New Orleans Municipal Code, Chapter 146, Article II, Division 1, Section 146-36 Complete Streets program:

- (7) When a project is anticipated to involve a major operational change to a roadway, the department of public works, during the pre-construction phase, shall conduct the following:
  - a. Hold no fewer than two community engagement meetings; and
  - b. Appear at no fewer than one hearing by the city council transportation and airport committee; city council public works, sanitation and environment committee; or other city council committee; and
  - c. Work with the neighborhood engagement office and other city engagement channels as necessary to ensure the advertising of community engagement meetings regarding proposed major operational changes at least two weeks in advance of the community engagement meeting distributed via email, text message and physical paper.

DPW hosted public meetings regarding Morrison Road Improvements on the following dates:

1. July 24, 2023
2. November 13, 2023
3. January 12, 2026



# Project Overview/ Scope of Work

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The City of New Orleans' Department of Public Works (DPW) is rolling-out the **Morrison Road (Mayo–Bullard) Improvement Project**; a **\$23.6 million** investment funded by the Federal Highway Administration (80%) and the City of New Orleans Bond Program (20%) to improve community access and travel along the Morrison Road corridor.

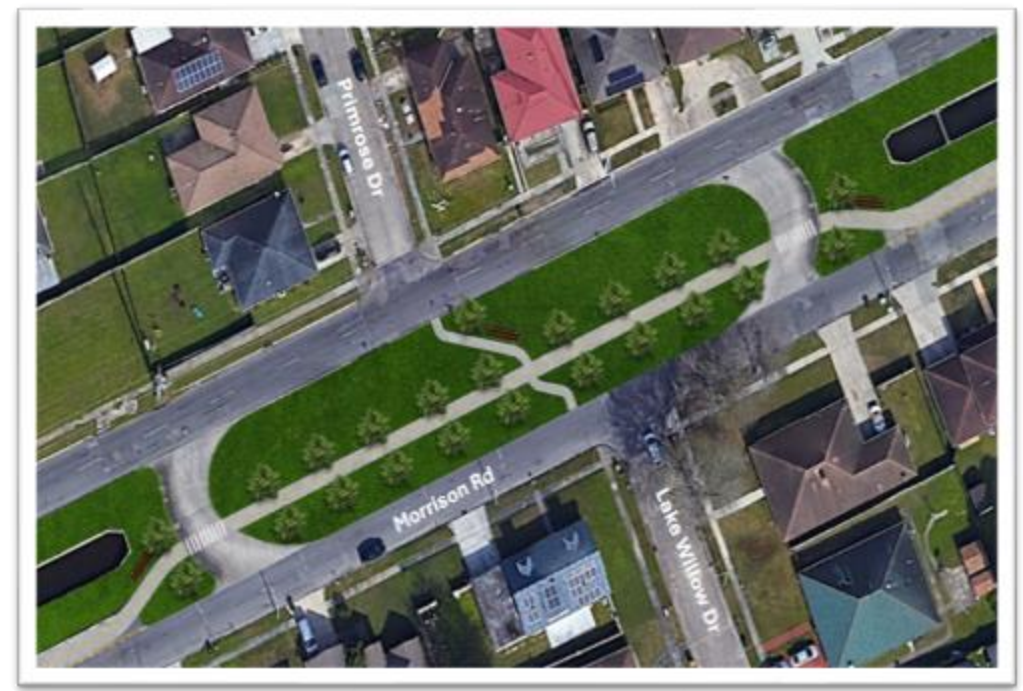
The scope of work varies by block and includes:

- Pavement repairs along Morrison Road
- Repairs to three bridges
- Replacement of two bridges on the eastbound side
- Installation of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps
- Construction of a two-way curb-protected greenway path along the eastbound side of the Morrison Canal
- Additional neutral ground green space at Lake Willow Drive and Benson Street intersections
- High-visibility crosswalks at major intersections

# Morrison Road at Lake Willow Dr./Primrose Dr. Operational Changes



Before



After

- Reconfiguration of the existing turnarounds
- Improved greenspace including landscaping and walk/bike path

# Morrison Road at Benson Ct./Dr. Operational Changes



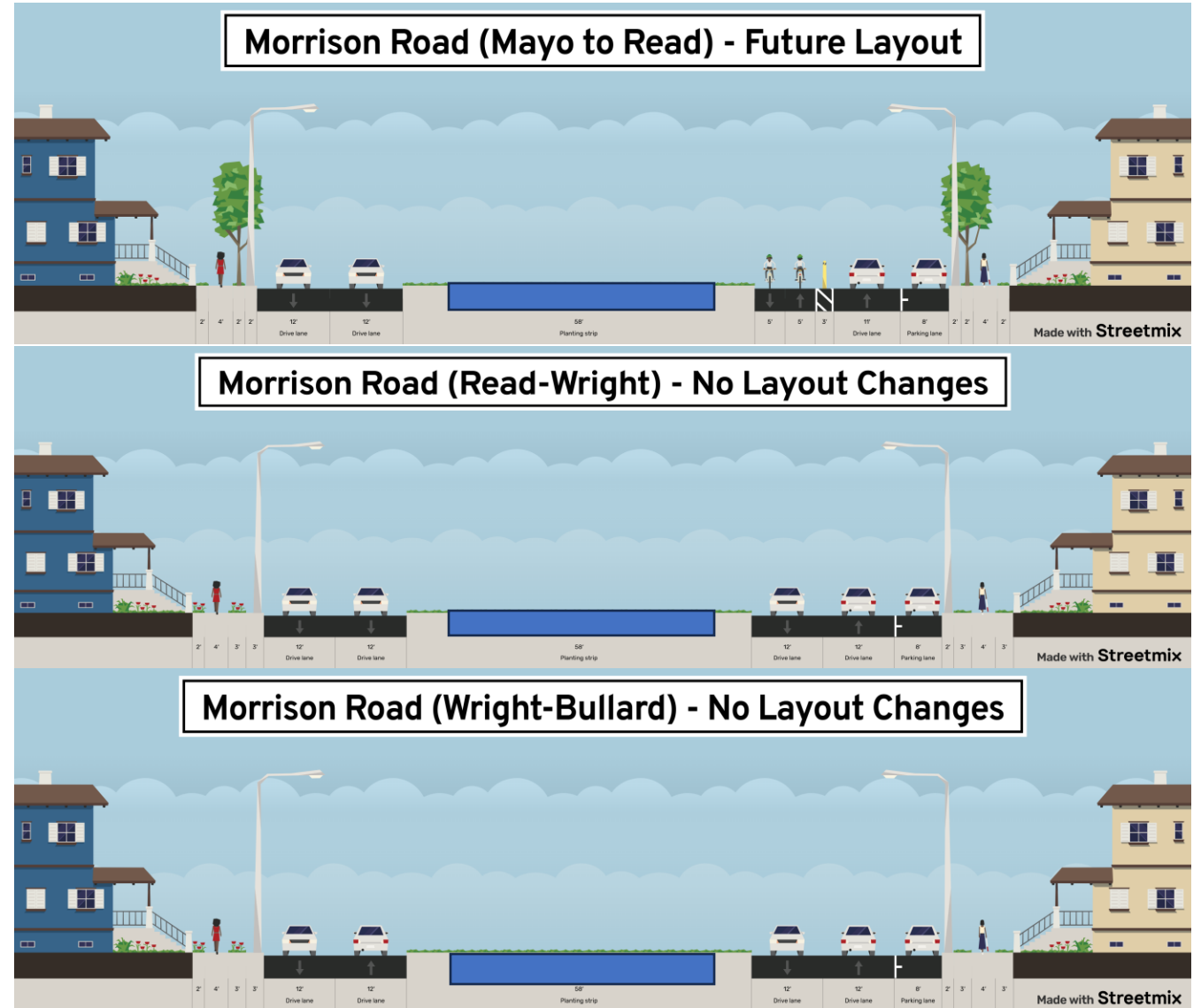
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# Morrison Road Operational Changes

- Removal of one travel lane in Eastbound Direction on Morrison Road between Mayo and Read
- Addition of a two-way walk/bike path along South side of canal between Mayo and Read



# Project Phasing

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**Project Limits: Morrison Road from Mayo to Bullard Avenue, both directions**

## **Phase 1 – Bridge Repairs, Roadway Rehabilitation, and Sidewalk Improvements (February 2026 – July 2026)**

Crews will perform roadway and sidewalk rehabilitation, beginning with concrete repairs between Wright Road and Bullard Avenue. Crews will address bridge repairs beginning with Lawrence Canal and followed by Citrus Canal, Berg Canal, and Bullard Avenue bridge approaches over the Morrison Canal.

## **Phase 2 – Bridge Replacement, Roadway Rehabilitation, and Sidewalk Improvements (August 2026 – May 2027)**

Crews will replace the Benson Canal and Farrar Canal bridges and complete roadway and sidewalk work. Crews will reconfigure turnarounds at Lake Willow Drive/Primrose Court and Benson Court/Benson Drive.

## **Phase 3 – Greenspace Beautification, Clean Up (May 2027 – June 2027)**

Landscaping, tree planting, and cleaning up the work area.



***Important Note: Sequencing is broken down in phases, but it is crucial to understand some phases may overlap with each other.***

# Project Duration

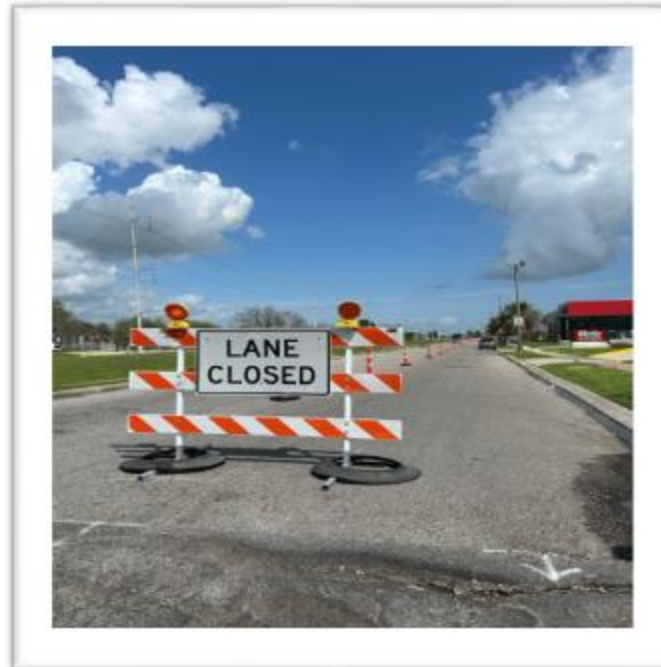
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- Total performance time: 540 calendar Days
- Construction schedule began February 14, 2026
- Project schedule changes, if approved, will be communicated to the public
- Contract includes liquidated damage stipulations

# Status of Work

As of Monday, March 9, 2026

- Crews have installed temporary traffic control measures on East and Westbound sides of Morrison Road from Read Boulevard to Bullard Avenue
- Construction is taking place from Wright Boulevard to Bullard Avenue.
- Crews will begin working on concrete panel removal and replacement
- Curb removal and replacement
- ADA ramp removal and replacements
- Sidewalk removal and replacements



***Compliance with temporary traffic control signage is critical. We are asking the general public to comply with all traffic lane closures, no left turns, and other signage.***

# What to Expect During Construction

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## We're here to help! Let us know if...

- Any changes or disruptions to garbage and US Postal services
- Debris or materials blocking driveway or roadway
- If you aren't getting notices or alerts, make sure to Text ROADWORK to 77295 or go to [ready.nola.gov/alerts](https://ready.nola.gov/alerts) for updates

### Temporary Construction Impacts:

- ✓ Noise, dust, debris
- ✓ Temporary Detours
- ✓ Equipment and materials staged in your area
  
- ✓ The possibility of more flooding than usual during rain events
  
- ✓ Contractor and subcontractor on site meetings with staff
  
- ✓ Everything will be secured on site ahead of any major storm event



# Types of Notifications You May Receive

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## Notice of Construction

Sent **30 days before work begins** in your area. Includes important info about:

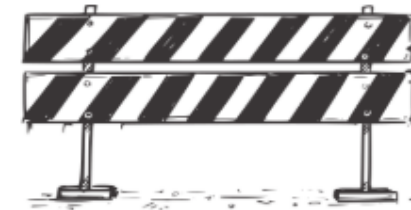
- Construction timeline
- Impacts to parking, mail delivery, and trash pickup
- Updates sent **every 30 days** during construction
- Delivery methods: Flyer, door hanger, signage, text, and email



## Notice of Water Service Disruption

Sent **24–48 hours in advance** of planned water shutoffs for waterline work.

**Delivery methods:** Flyer, door hanger, signage, text, and email



## Road Closure Notification

Notice that **one or more travel lanes** (vehicle or pedestrian) will be temporarily closed.

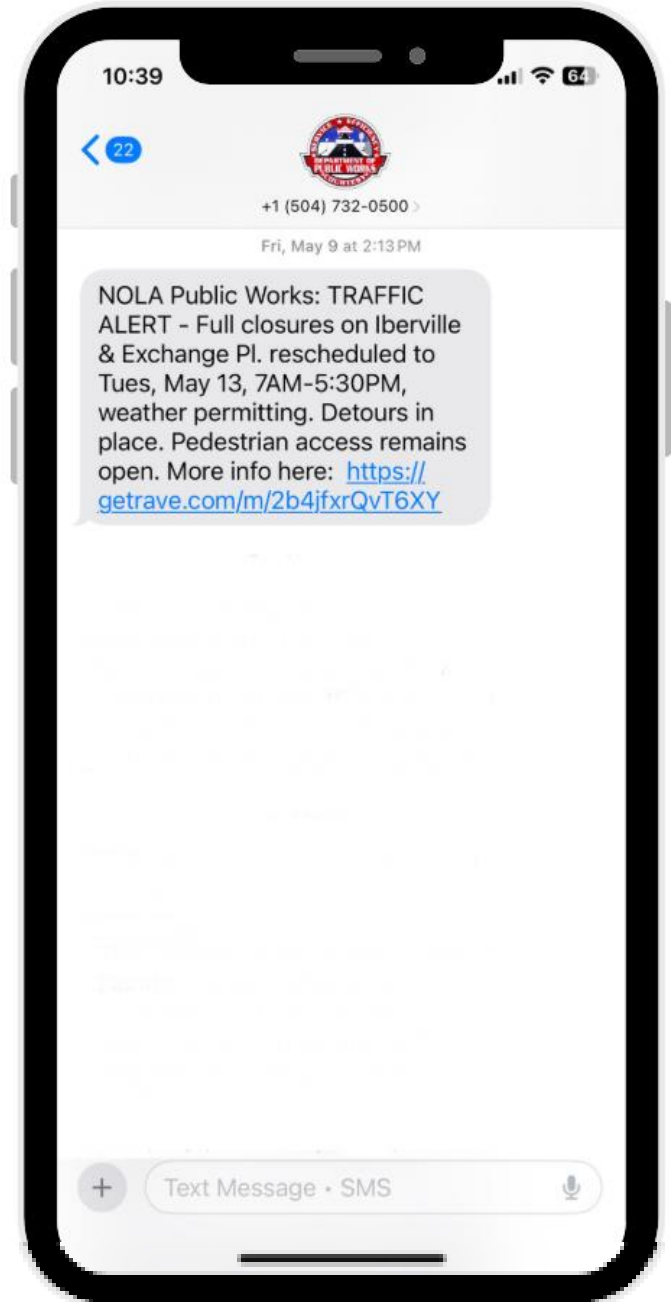
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# Text Alerts

## *Stay Informed with Text Alerts*

Sign up to be notified when work will require major road closures, emergency water shutoffs, or other significant impacts via text or email.

To sign up for **NOLA Public Works** text alerts, text **ROADWORK** to **77295** or go to [ready.nola.gov/alerts](https://ready.nola.gov/alerts) to create a whole profile and select the “roadwork” alert list.





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# Stay Informed During Construction

## DPW E-Newsletter

Stay informed with regular email updates on active DPW construction projects. Visit [nola.gov/DPWnewsletter](https://nola.gov/DPWnewsletter) to subscribe and view archived newsletters.

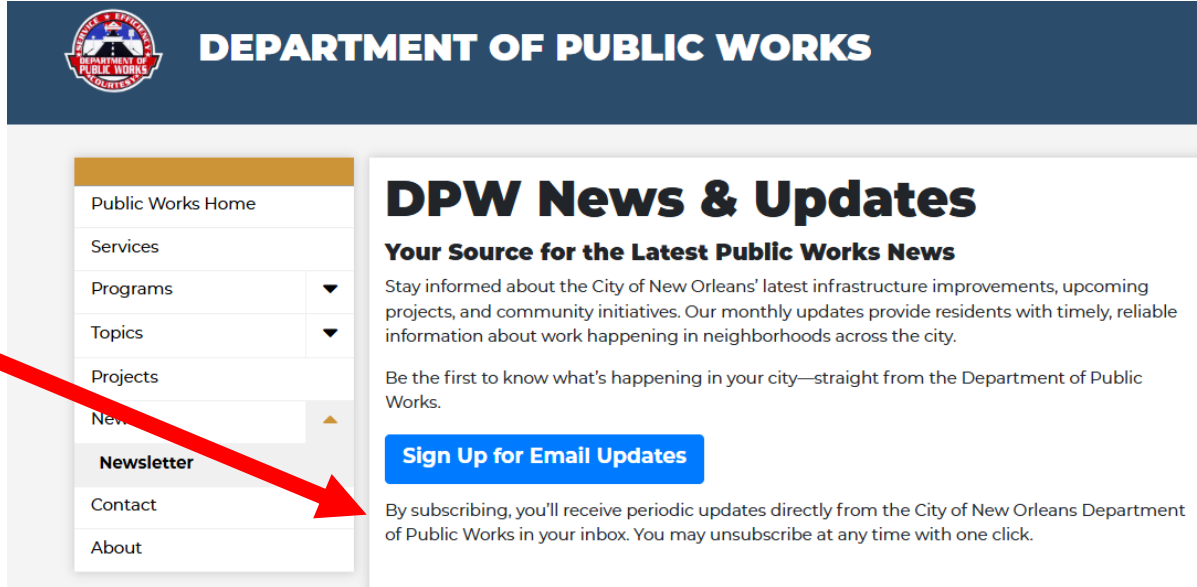
## Follow Us on Social Media

-  • **NextDoor** – Construction updates, notifications & service disruptions.
-  • **Instagram** – Project highlights, behind the scenes content & announcements

[@nola\\_publicworks](https://www.instagram.com/nola_publicworks)

## Webpage:

<https://nola.gov/next/public-works/projects/morrison-road-improvement-project/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Department of Public Works website. The header includes the city seal and the text "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS". A sidebar menu on the left lists various sections: Public Works Home, Services, Programs, Topics, Projects, News, Newsletter, Contact, and About. A red arrow points from the "Newsletter" link in the sidebar to a "Sign Up for Email Updates" button on the main content area. The main content area features the heading "DPW News & Updates" and a sub-heading "Your Source for the Latest Public Works News". Below this, there is a paragraph of text and a blue button labeled "Sign Up for Email Updates".

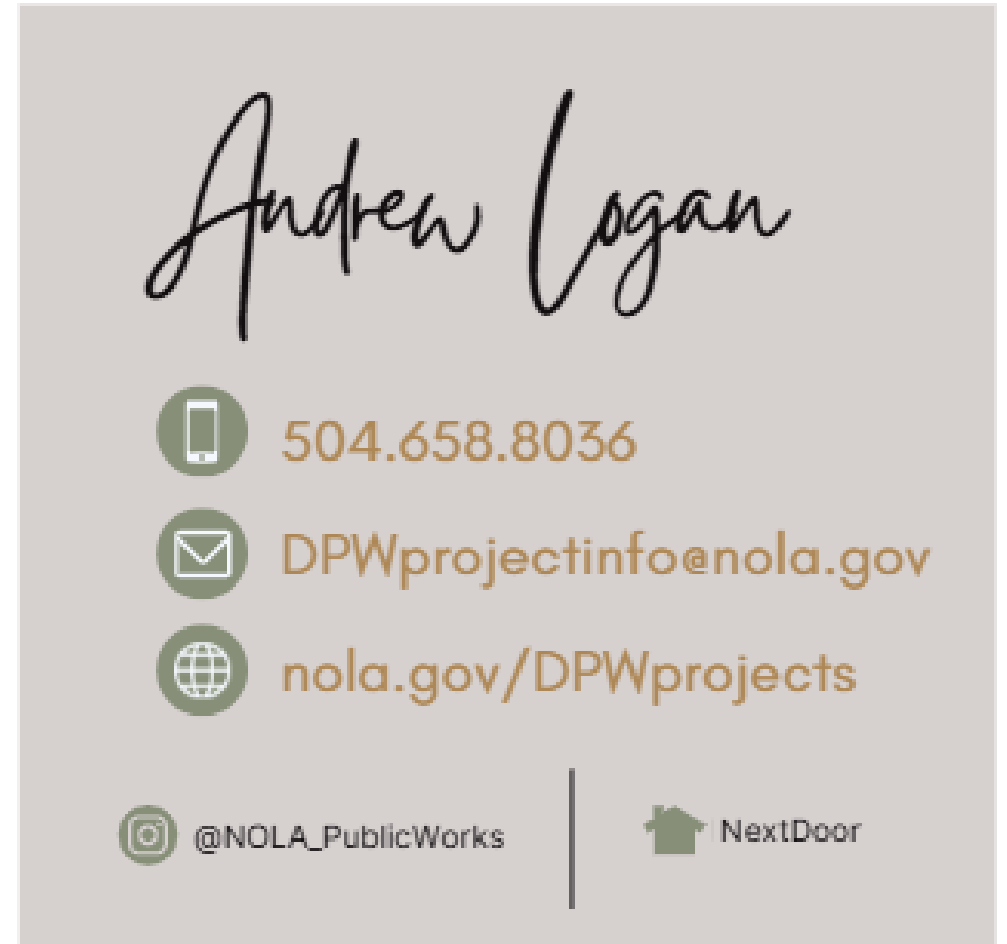
# Contact Us

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The Department of Public Works has a **designated Communications Specialist** assigned to this project who will:


- Serve as your **primary point of contact** for questions or concerns
- Provide timely updates throughout the duration of construction
- Coordinate community notifications and outreach


You will also have access to a **project-specific webpage** with up-to-date information, including traffic advisories, project timelines, construction updates and key milestones.





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# Questions

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