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## **City, RTA Partner to Improve Accessibility at Six Transit Stations**

NEW ORLEANS – In early November, the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) will begin an approximately \$300,000, two-month project to improve access for people with disabilities at six area transit stations. The improvements were designed by the RTA and will be constructed by a DPW maintenance contractor. The RTA selected stations at major intersections and at the beginning/end of the St. Charles Avenue streetcar line.

The following stations will be upgraded:

- St. Charles Avenue and Napoleon Avenue
- St. Charles Avenue and Louisiana Avenue
- St. Charles Avenue and Jackson Avenue
- Carrollton Avenue and Claiborne Avenue
- St. Charles Avenue and Carrollton Avenue
- Carondelet Street and Canal Street

Enhancements will include additional concrete around the transit stop, a ramp and turnaround area for wheelchair access and detectable warning surfaces that alert visually-impaired individuals of an approach to street crossings and hazardous drop-offs.

### **Sequence of Construction**

#### ***Sequence 1***

The contractor will begin work on the Napoleon, Louisiana, Jackson Avenue, and the Carondelet Street and Canal Street stations. During this time, shuttle bus service will operate from Canal Street to Jena Street and streetcar service will operate from Claiborne Avenue to Jena Street.

**Sequence 2**

The contractor will then begin work on the Claiborne and Carrollton Avenue station and the St. Charles and Carrollton Avenue station. During this time, shuttle bus service will operate from Claiborne Avenue to Short Street and streetcar service will operate from Canal Street to Short Street.

In order to safely accommodate construction, lane shifts may be in place on the approach to each of the stations; traffic advisories will be issued in advance of each of the above-mentioned sequences.

**About the Department of Public Works**

The Department of Public Works is composed of five divisions responsible for maintaining approximately 1,547 miles of streets (21 million square yards of pavement) and 149 bridges in the City of New Orleans. This system includes 72,000 catch basins and approximately 8.2 million linear feet of drainage lines. The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for maintaining an additional 105 miles of state and federal highways within the City limits.

**About the Regional Transit Authority**

The Regional Transit Authority provides safe, reliable, efficient transit services to residents and visitors of the greater New Orleans region. Our iconic streetcars are moving historic landmarks and the St. Charles Streetcar line maintains its distinction as one of the oldest continuously operating rail lines in the world. At present, the RTA system includes five streetcar lines, 34 bus routes, and two ferry routes, and we offer paratransit services. Our passengers take more than 19 million rides every year.

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