

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notes Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 5 May 2021
2:10 pm

Via Teleconference:

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Meeting ID: 204 758 9217

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1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm and the agenda was read into the record.

ROLL CALL: COMMITTEE MEMBERS				VOTES
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Approve Notes
David	Bilbe	X		Yes
Mamie	Gasperecz	X		Yes
Erin	Holmes	X		Yes
Dave	Jorgensen		X	
Brittany	Mulla McGovern	X		Yes
Christian	Pendleton		X	
Frank	Perez	X		-

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES: GUESTS		
First Name	Last Name	Role
Karley	Frankic	Executive Director
Robert	Simms	Commissioner
Jane	Cooper	Commissioner
Eric	Smith	City of New Orleans CAO Analyst
Beverly	Fulk	Resident
Bridget	Neal	Resident
Lee	Tucker	Jackson Square Artist
Chris	Young	French Quarter Business League
Renard	Bridgewater	MaCCNO

2. Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

3. Approval of previous meeting notes

Ms. Mulla McGovern motioned to approve the previous meeting note. Mr. Bilbe seconded the motion, and it was approved.

4. Committee Chair Comments

- a. Call for volunteers for the French Quarter Business Association's Vieux Carré Graffiti Abatement

Program French Quarter clean up event on May 8th, see attached slide deck

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- b. Bike Share Relaunch, see attached slide deck
 - c. The Board of Commissioners elected to proceed with the pre-application to the Office of Community Development for the acquisition on replacement minibuses for the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA)'s Vieux Carré line that were lost in Hurricane Katrina. The committee chair and executive director are now working with OCD and RTA to refine the budget and application to maximize the use of all available funds for the program and am looking to secure future operational funding support. Any assistance with the operational funds is welcome.
- 5. Update on Small Cell Tower Installations by Brittany Mulla McGovern, see attached slide deck
 - 6. Update on the Mayor's "Reimaging the French Quarter" by Erin Holmes, see attached slide deck
 - a. Safer N. Rampart Street
 - b. Lafitte Greenway connection
 - 7. Discussion of priorities for the French Quarter sanitation contract, see attached slide deck
 - 8. Discussion of the 100 blocks survey internship project, see attached slide deck
 - 9. Discussion of the street light survey internship project, see attached slide deck
 - 10. New business

The City Council introduced an ordinance by request of the mayor as follows:

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 28,551 M.C.S., as amended, entitled "An Ordinance providing an Operating Budget of Expenditures for the City of New Orleans for the Year 2021"; to transfer funds from the French Quarter Improvement Fund to the Department of Police to fund a Sergeant position and purchase vehicles to expand patrols within the Department of Police, 8th District; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

It is being referred to the Budget Committee which meets next on May 13th.

11. Next meeting date

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is Wednesday, 2 June 2021, at 2:10pm. If the committee returns to in-person meetings, it will begin at 2:00 pm and be located at the Royal Orleans Hotel.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Perez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Holmes seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm

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5 May 2021 Livability Committee Meeting



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

HELP REMOVE GRAFFITI IN OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD!

JOIN US ON MAY 8TH
AT THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT
8TH DISTRICT COURTYARD, 334 ROYAL STREET

THE DETAILS:

- VOLUNTEERS CHECK IN AT 9 AM AND WORK UNTIL 11 AM
- COFFEE AND BREAKFAST BEIGNETS PROVIDED BY CAFÉ BEIGNET
- EACH VOLUNTEER WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT TO WEAR (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
- ALL CLEANING SUPPLIES PROVIDED
- VOLUNTEERS REMOVE STICKERS AND SMALL TAGS FROM PUBLIC PROPERTY IN ASSIGNED AREAS
- VOLUNTEERS ARE ADVISED TO WEAR PROTECTIVE EYE WEAR, LONG SLEEVES, WORK CLOTHES, AND COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES
- A POST-CLEAN LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**SIGNUP ONLINE WWW.FQBA.ORG,
EMAIL GRAFFITI@FQBA.ORG, OR CALL 504.309.1423**

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS EVENT SPONSOR:



Graffiti Removal Event

The French Quarter Business Association's Vieux Carré Graffiti Abatement Program is gearing up for their all-volunteer French Quarter graffiti cleanup on Saturday, May 8th!

Come solo or bring your friends, wear a tutu or go comfy, and feel a sense of civic pride in helping rid a historic jewel of vandalism!



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Bike Share ReLaunch in 2021

- The new non-profit Blue Krewe, and the City of New Orleans, have partnered with Drop Mobility to relaunch Blue Bikes with an initial fleet of 500 e-bikes by September 1st
- The goal is to expand to 1,500 bikes over the next two years, dependent on financial partnerships with community partners
- There is currently no plan for docking stations in the French Quarter. The existing docking stations across the city are being inventoried to assess which can be repaired and reactivated or partially removed.
- Unbranded bike racks can be geo-coded so that riders can be credited with returning bikes to a docking station and avoid penalty fees.



Council Review of 5G poles

5G, Fifth Generation, cellular service is the newest advancement in cellular technology. The Mayor's Office of Utilities has compiled a map of the carriers' approved locations and pole designs for reference. Please note;

1. New 5G streetlight poles are to replace existing non-5G streetlight poles, creating zero net gain.
2. There are around 700 existing streetlight poles in the French Quarter. Overall, there were 289 5G pole installation requests in the French Quarter. Of those, half were denied and half were approved locations, meaning around 120 proposed 5G streetlight poles will replace existing streetlights.
3. The Mayor's Office of Utilities is requiring collocation by carriers on 5G poles whenever possible.
4. New poles are prohibited on block faces of purple-rated significant buildings (i.e., Jackson Square, Old U.S. Mint, Ursulines Convent, etc.).
5. Questions or concerns on the project should be directed to Jonathan M. Rhodes, Director of the Mayor's Office of Utilities, at Jonathan.Rhodes@nola.gov.

SMALL CELL POLES IN THE FRENCH QUARTER

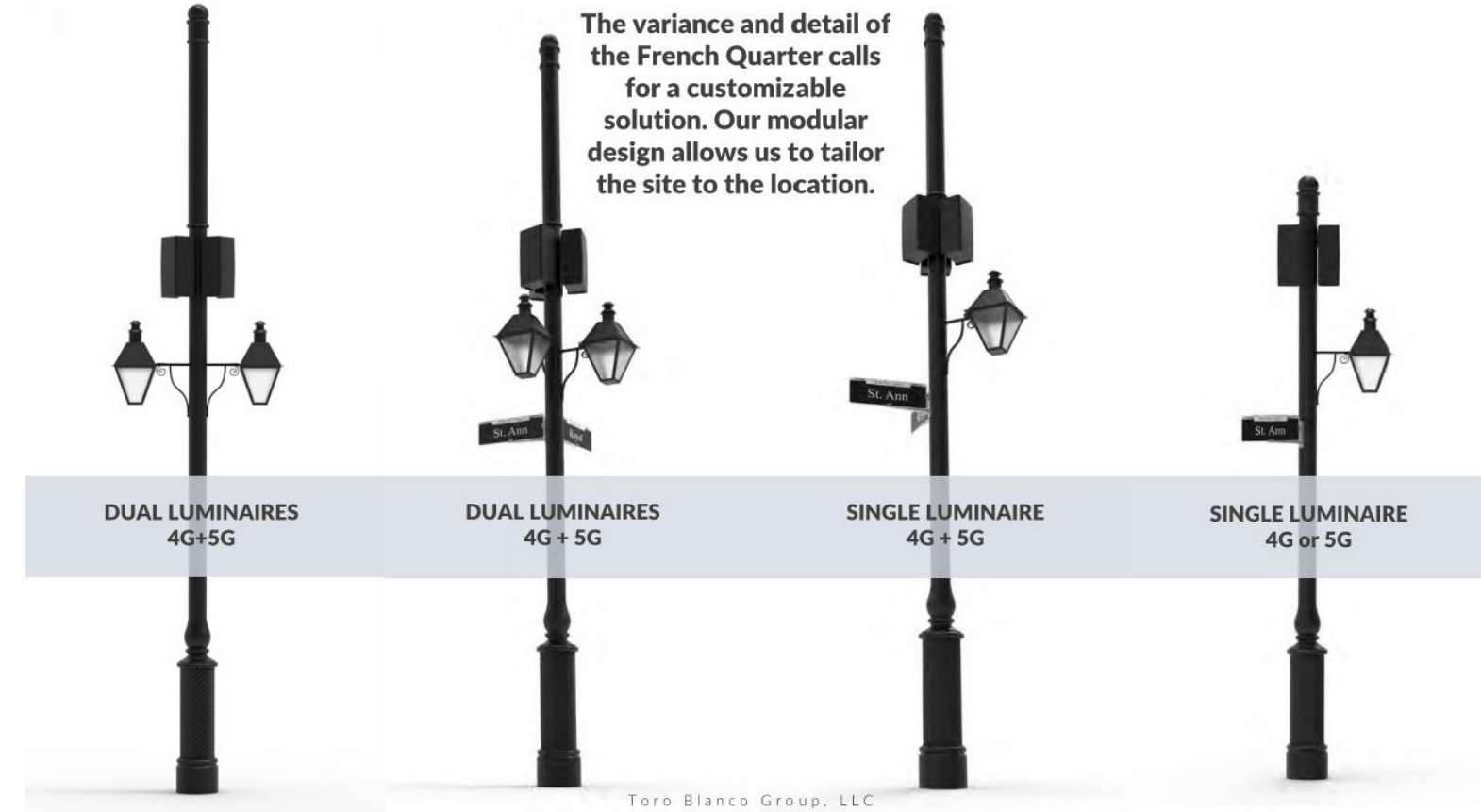
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APPROVED LOCATIONS



Locations to Replace Existing Poles

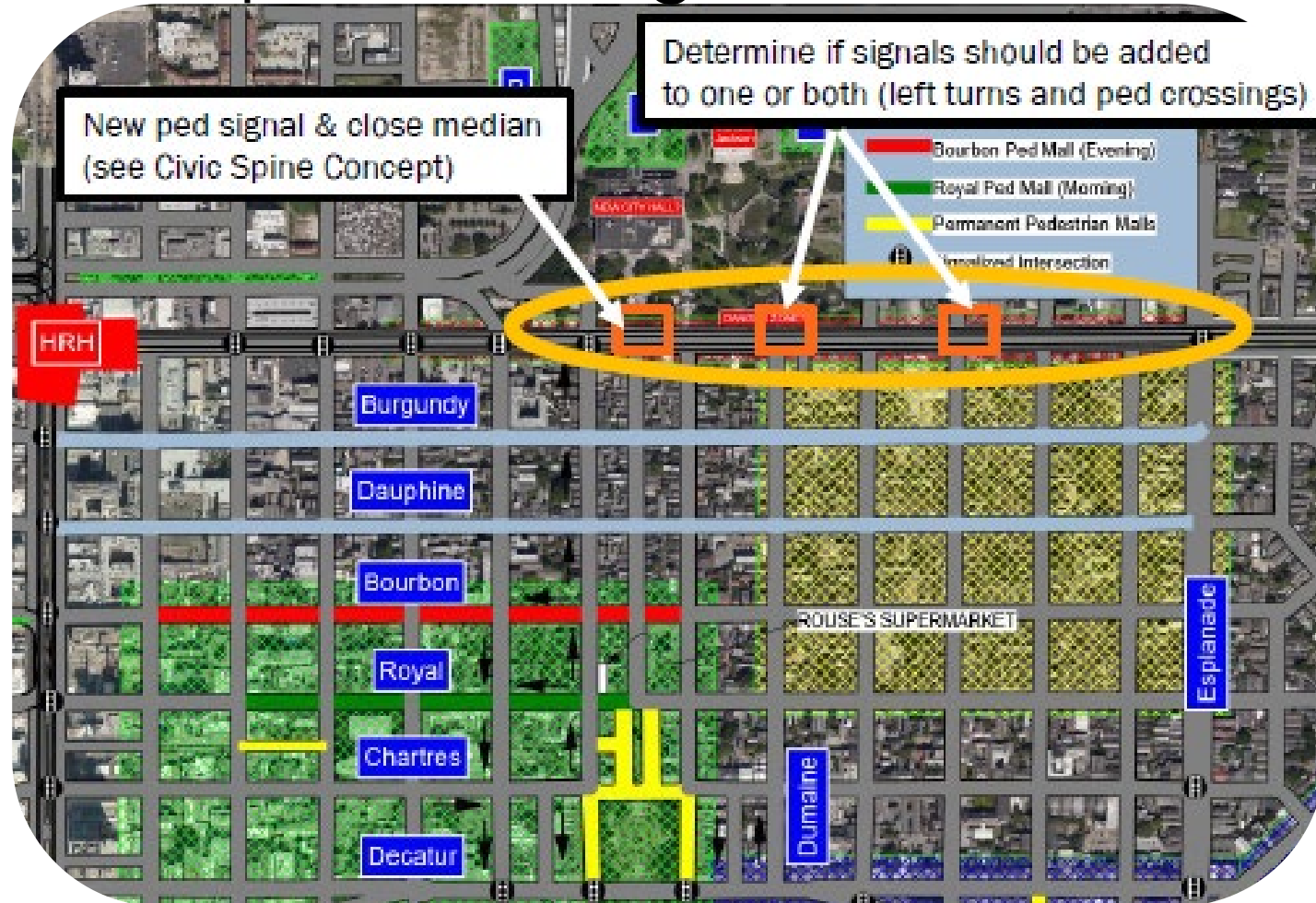
APPROVED DESIGNS



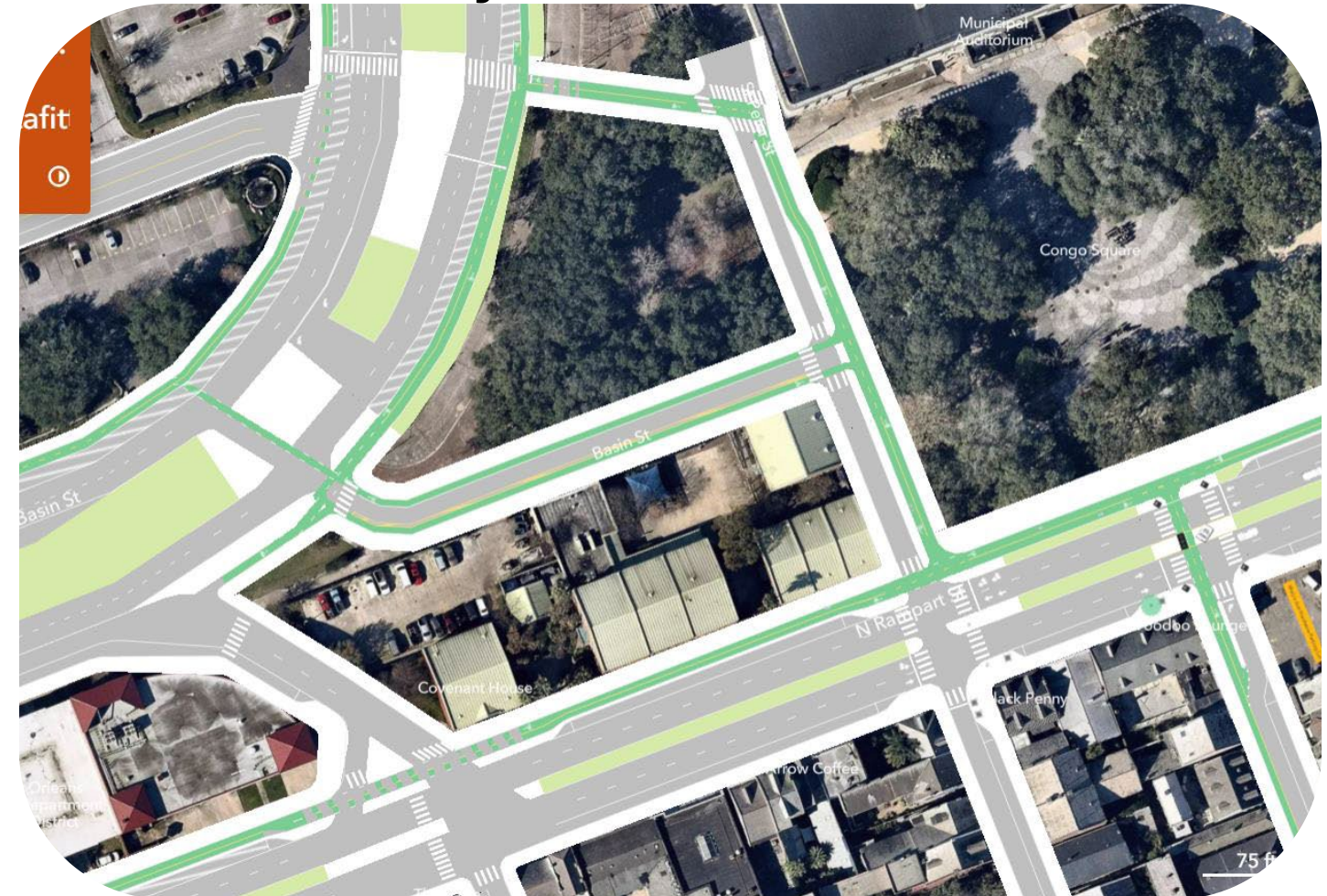
Pole Design to Integrate with Existing Poles

Update on Mayor's Plan for "Reimagining the French Quarter"

The next public design charettes are expected as early as this month



Safer Rampart Street



Lafitte Greenway
Connection

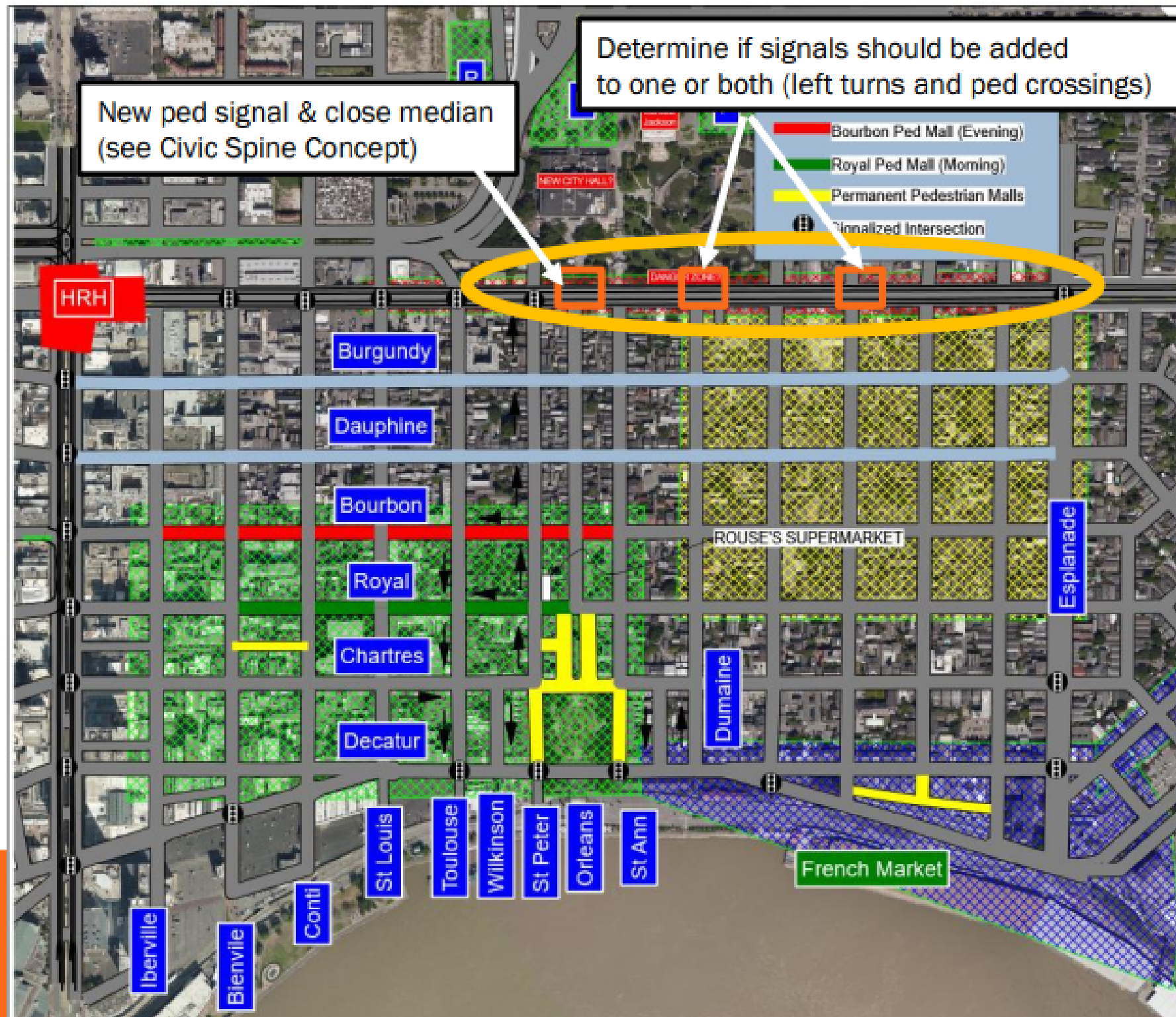
Safer Rampart Street Concept



NEW YORK CITY INSPIRATION FOR SAFER RAMPART STREET



SAFER RAMPART STREET CONCEPT



Zone A (Emphasize pedestrian-friendly design and operations in Upriver/River quadrant)

Zone B (Emphasize pedestrian-friendly design and operations along Decatur between Jackson Square, Washington Square, and Crescent Park)

Zone C (Emphasize buffering residential areas from nuisance traffic to improve pedestrian experience)

Zone D (Emphasize safe crossings of Rampart)

Burgundy and Dauphine Corridors

(Emphasize measures to mitigate traffic patterns due to changes in Zone A, B, and/or C)

Pedestrian Generators (Emphasize safe connections to Carondelet Streetcar Stop, planned RTA transfer hub at Basin Street, and areas around Armstrong Park)

SAFER RAMPART STREET ELEMENTS

High Visibility Crosswalks



Protected Bike Lanes



Additional Pedestrian Signals

Safety Bollards

IMPLEMENT MULTI-MODAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON N. RAMPART STREET

Phase 2

- ✓ Increase corner zone lengths to improve sight distances before unsignalized crosswalks using striping and safety bollards
- ✓ Add stop bars and “stop here for pedestrians” signs before unsignalized crosswalks

Phase 3

- ✓ On Lake side, flip the locations of the existing bike lane and on-street parking.
- ✓ Convert bike lane to two-way operation.
- ✓ Install appropriate pavement markings and signage.

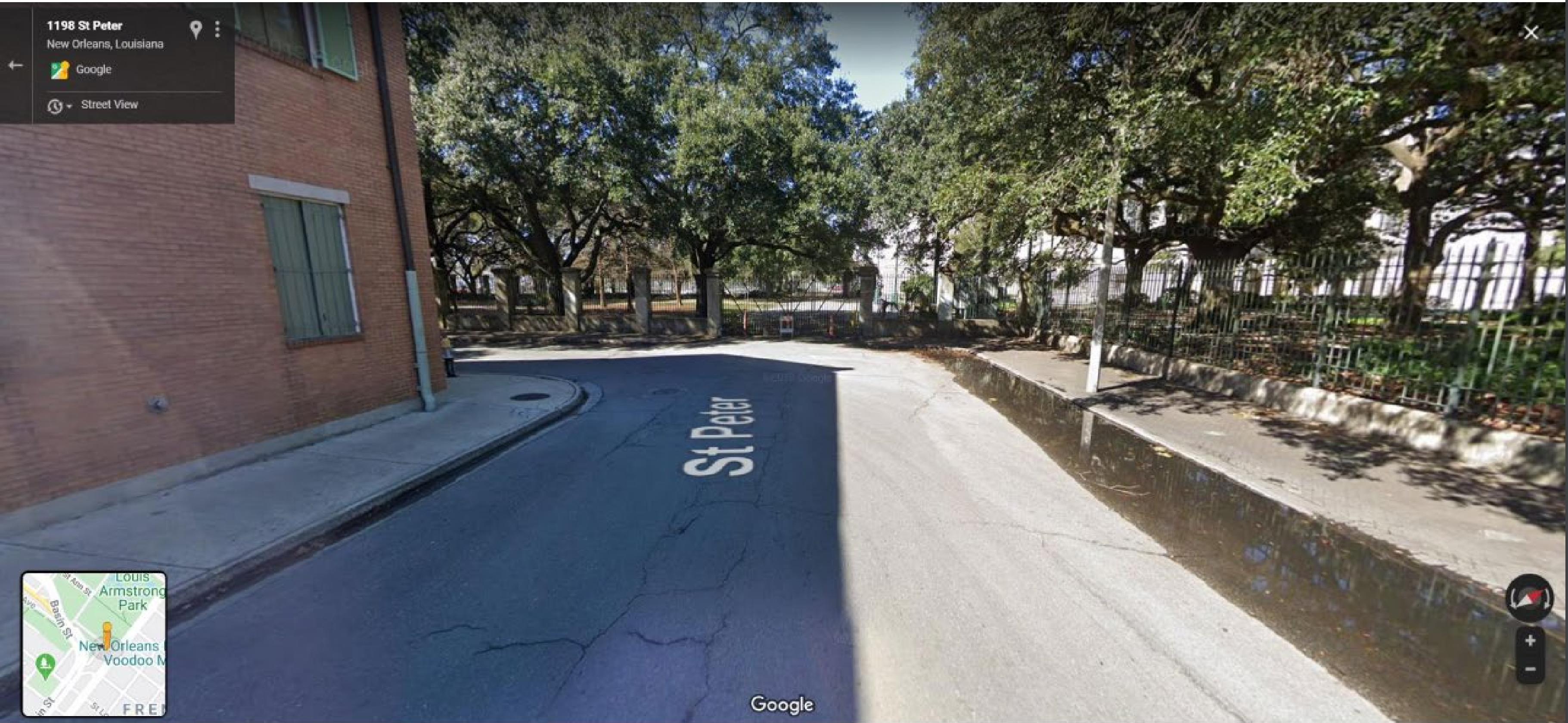
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To Lafitte Greenway

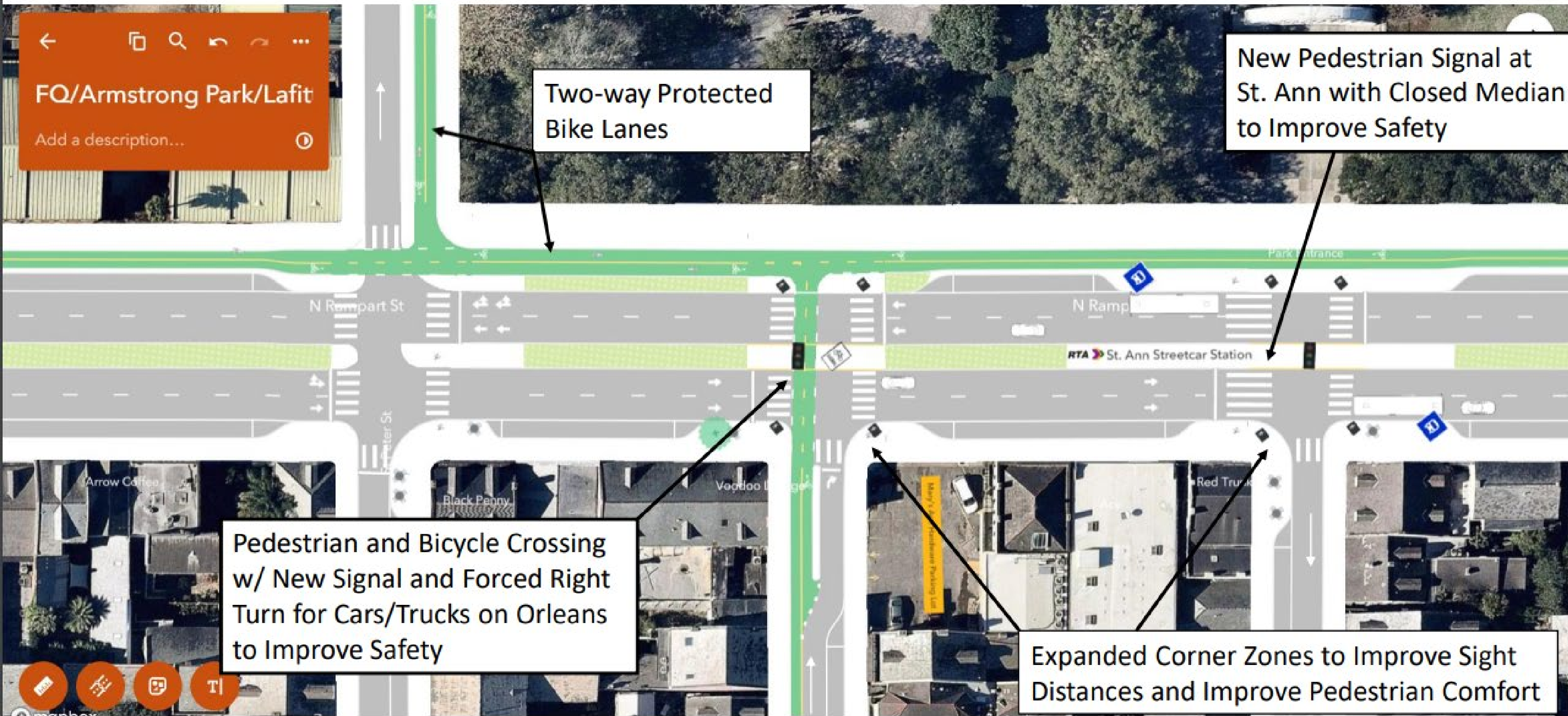




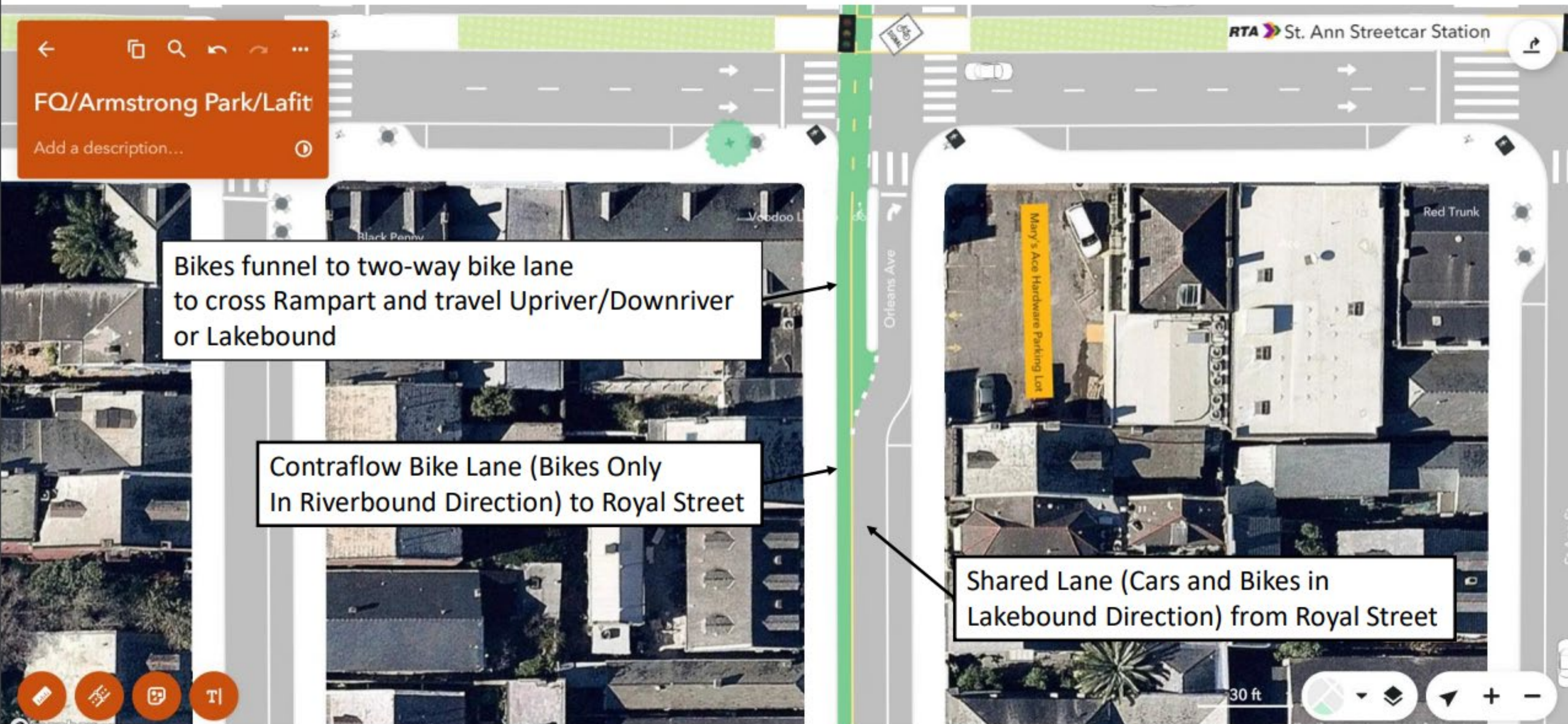
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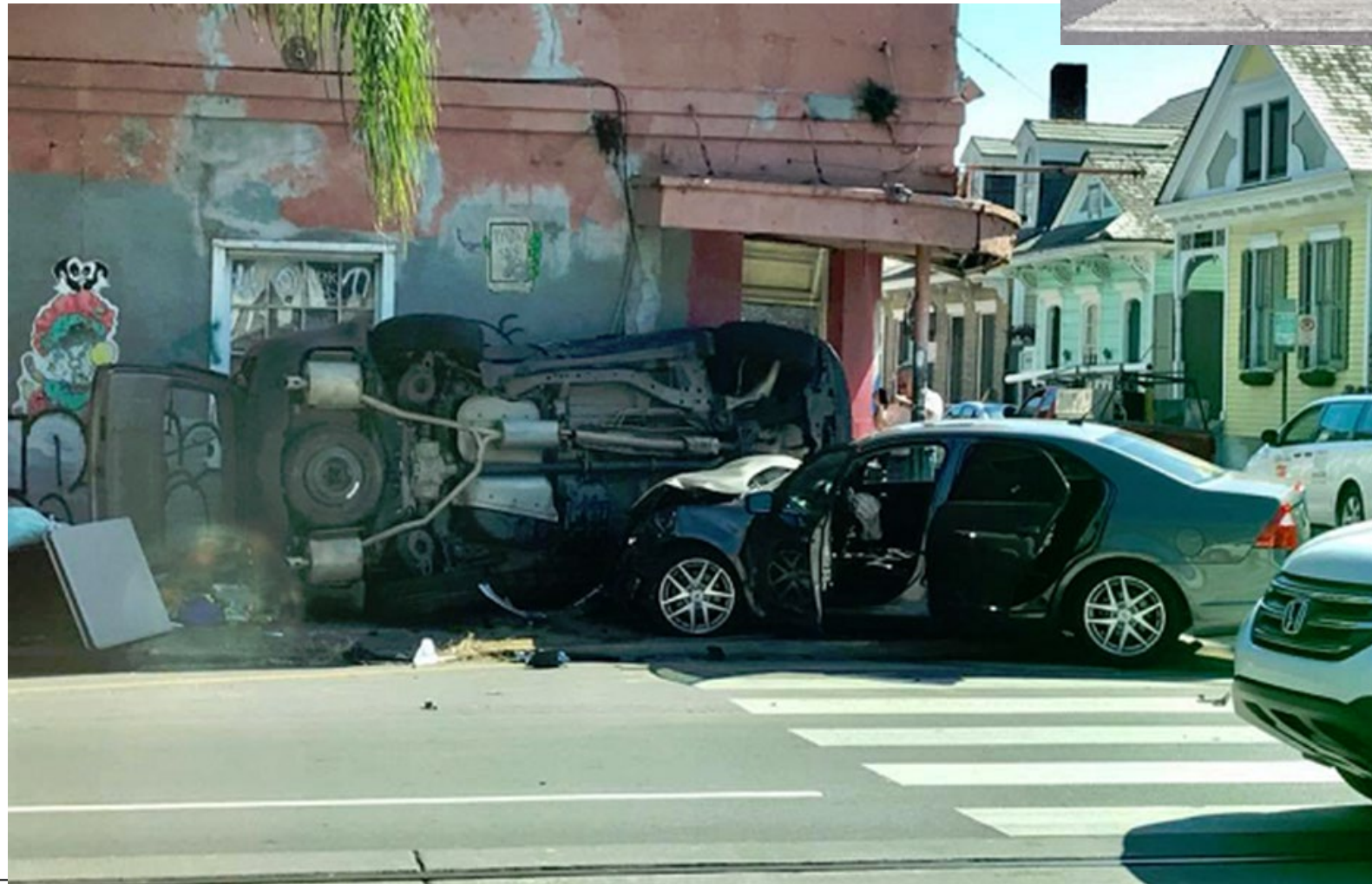


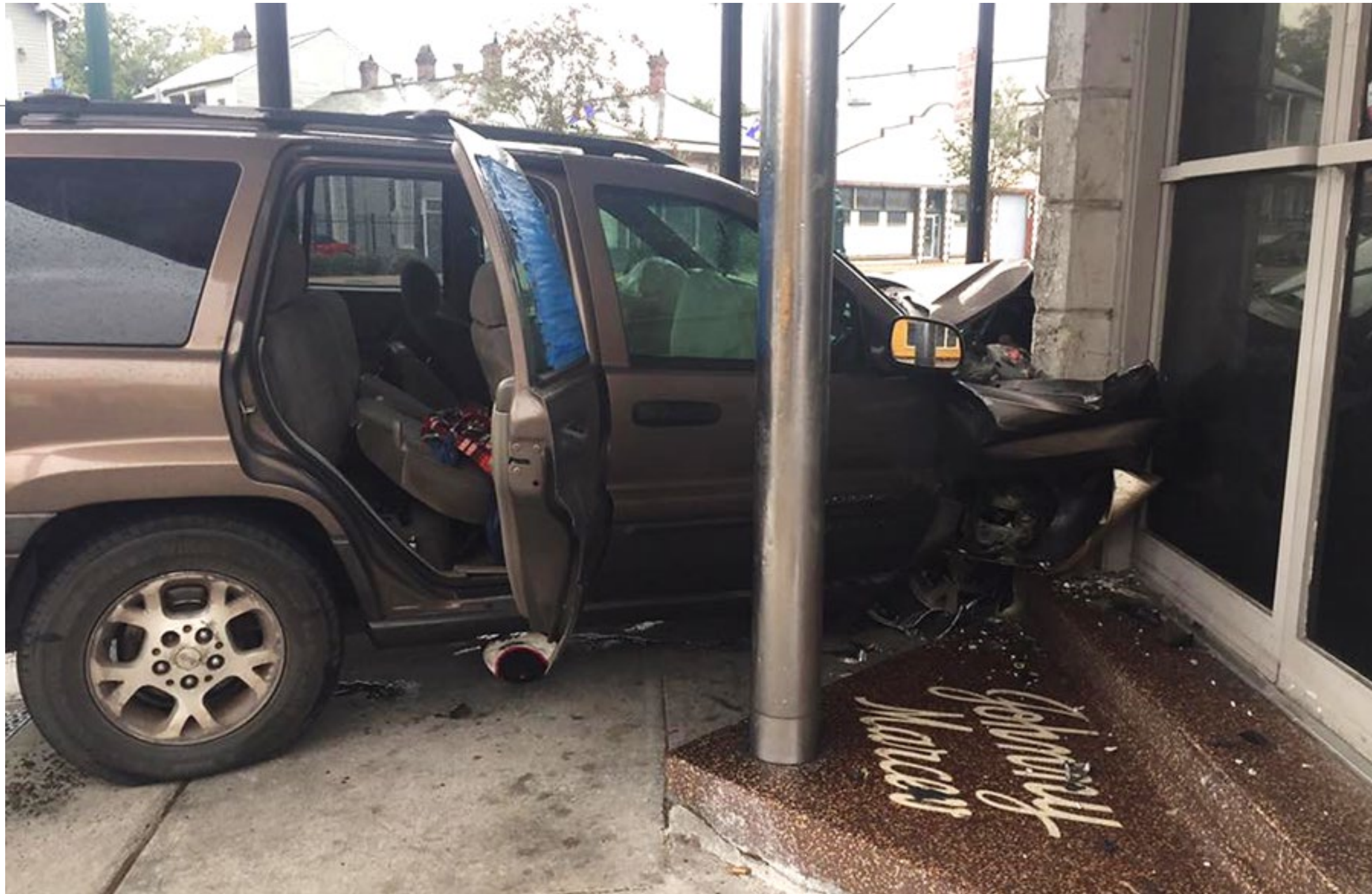
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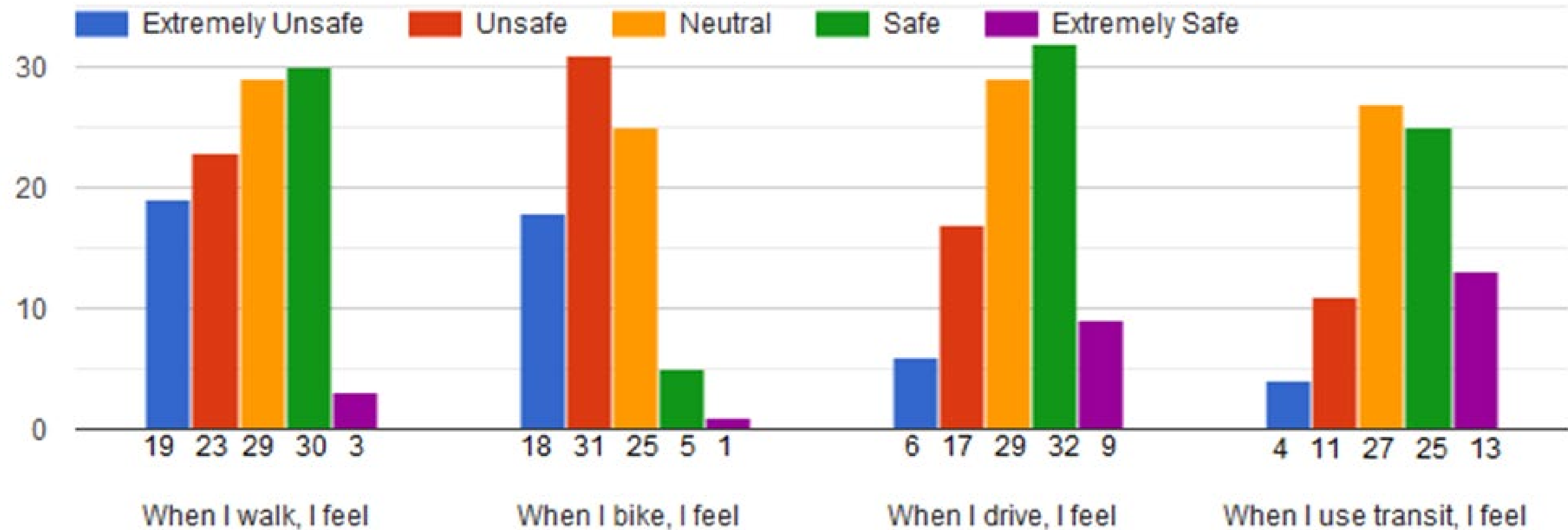






VCPORA Survey May 2019

How safe do you use feel when using N Rampart Street?

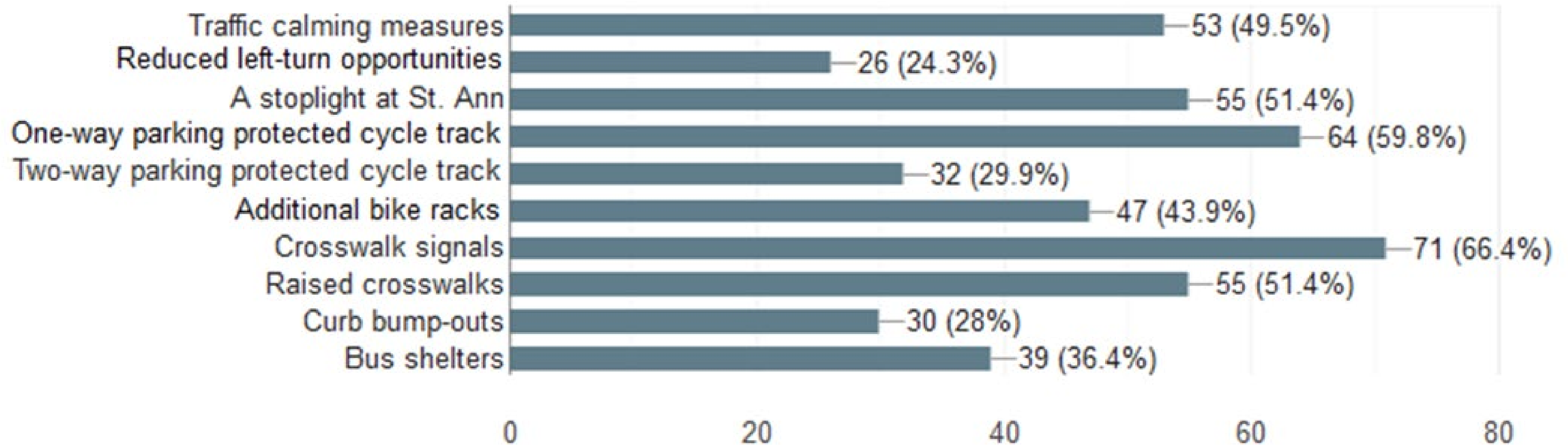


Perceptions of danger were highest among respondents who bike and walk. In hindsight, a better question would have been to ask respondents “When I cross N. Rampart, I feel...”

VCPORA Survey May 2019

What would you like to see on N Rampart Street?

107 responses



Respondents were most favorable to crosswalk signals, a one-way protected bike lane, a stoplight at St. Ann, raised crosswalks, and general traffic calming measures.

Sanitation Contract Priorities

REVISED IN COMMITTEE MEETING WITH FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS & GUESTS

- Switch from garbage carts to heavy mil. bags
- Reduce times for collection i.e. hours garbage bags can be on curb
- Include weight limits on garbage trucks
- Include requirements of sweeping personnel to follow behind garbage trucks to clean up dropped trash
- Include specific requirements for street sweepers including water temperature, force of water spray, percentage of biodegradable cleanser, and automated brush placement specifications.
- Include performance standards
 - Measurable and trackable
 - Procedure for public feedback
 - Penalties for non-performance
- RFP Evaluation
 - Qualified Bidder
 - Include past performance score
 - Weighted score for local companies

Sanitation Priorities for Ordinances/City Charter Amendments

EXISTING LAWS

•RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE

- Place garbage in an approved, closed, roll cart, or in at least .8 mil black bags in front of your property. White plastic or paper bags and boxes are prohibited. Garbage in unauthorized containers will not be collected. §138-38,39,42,43,47
- Properties containing more than 4 units must hire private service. §138-45

•COMMERCIAL GARBAGE

- Hotels, restaurants & bars; and businesses generating more than 35 gal per pick up must hire private service. §138-45
- Haulers must pick up 4-8am and/or 4-6pm. §138-42(b)

•GARBAGE PLACEMENT

- No garbage carts on public property 9am–3:30pm. Carts must be stored on private property. §138-42(a)

•SIDEWALKS

- Do not litter or place garbage in public space. §66-282
- Keep your sidewalk clean and repaired. §138-39; 146-190
- Do not sweep rubbish into the street or storm drain. §66-287

•ANIMAL WASTE

- Immediately clean up your animal's organic waste. §18-13
- Carriage companies responsible for mule waste removal and sanitation; report issues to 504-658-7170 or gtb@nola.gov

Sanitation Priorities for Ordinances/City Charter Amendments

Department of Sanitation Coordination

- Consider using Gov. Nicholls/Esplanade Ave wharves transloading space behind the floodwall, screened, for transfer station
- Revisit hours for commercial garbage carts on the sidewalk overnight
- Move earliest commercial pickup window from 4:00am to 6:00am and provide for enforcement mechanism

100 Blocks Survey Internship Project

Background

The entrance for to the French Quarter for many visitors is the first blocks off of Canal Street, the 100 blocks of N. Rampart, Burgundy, Dauphine, Bourbon, Royal, Dorsiere, Decatur, and N. Peters Streets, and Exchange Place 9the Target Area). These blocks have been identified as being problematic for the perception of pedestrians as it relates to safety, cleanliness, and disrepair. The questions we desire to answer are: Is this is merely a perception issue, endemic of physical conditions, and can this opinion be improved with physical enhancements. If so, what changes can be made to improve this perception.

Goal

Working under the guidance of the French Quarter Management District, the interns shall consult with the Downtown Development District (DDD) to build upon their current assessment of the 100 blocks to include a real estate inventory documenting current status of property type, ownership, and occupancy. Interview pedestrians on their perceptions of the 100 blocks. And combine these data points to make recommendations for improvements and development projects for the Target Area.

100 Blocks Survey Internship Project

Process

1. Meet with the Development Team at the DDD to understand their process for gathering data on the individual properties located within the Target Area. Learn from their experience on what targeted economic development initiatives look like and what it takes to implement them.
2. Add data to the DDD 2020 survey that will add value to the project.
3. Create and conduct an intercept survey, at different times of day, with pedestrians that it targeted to assess their feelings of safety and perception of physical conditions.
4. Compile the above data into a recommendations document that will provide short-, medium-, and long-term ideas for improvements that can be executed singularly and work as a catalyst for driving further improvements in the Target Area.

Deliverable

The internship team will create a visually appealing, well researched, data supported analysis of the current conditions, survey results, and recommendations which they will present to a panel of advisors consisting of DDD Economic Development Team and FQMD Livability Committee representatives for feedback to refine the finish product. The final deliverable shall be a presentation to a joint Board meeting of the FQMD and DDD.



The 100 Blocks

French Quarter Property Profile
Rampart to Decatur Streets
New Orleans, LA

February 15, 2020



100 Block of North Rampart



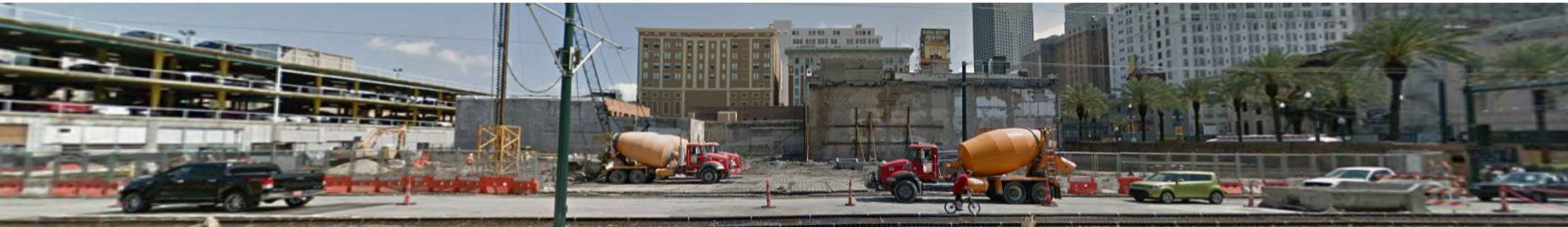
100 N. Rampart – Lake Side

1101 Canal Street

Block is occupied from Canal to Iberville with the Saenger Theatre

Canal Street Development Corporation - Owner, Cindy Connick, Executive Director

26,400 SF – Building area



100 N. Rampart – River Side

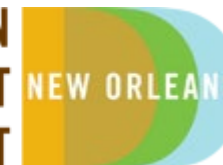
1031 Canal Street

Block is occupied from Canal to Iberville with the former site of the Hard Rock Hotel and Tower

1031 Canal Development, LLC (Kailas Companies)- Owner

40,448 SF – Land area

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100 Block of Burgundy

100 Burgundy Lake Side



1001 Canal Street
1015 Canal, LLC, Hammy Halum, Contact
Vacant / Mixed-use conversion
16,490 SF – Land area



1000 Iberville Street
McCrory's, LLC, William J. More, contact
Parking
25,024 SF – Land area



100 Burgundy River Side

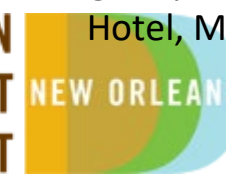


921 Canal Street, The Ritz-Carlton
Quorum Hotels, Rob Drawbridge Asset Mgr
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
24,585 SF – Building area



931 Canal Street, The Saint Hotel
Burgundy Development, LLC, Mark Wyant, owner
Hotel, Meeting Rooms, Restaurant and Bar
16,800 SF – Land area

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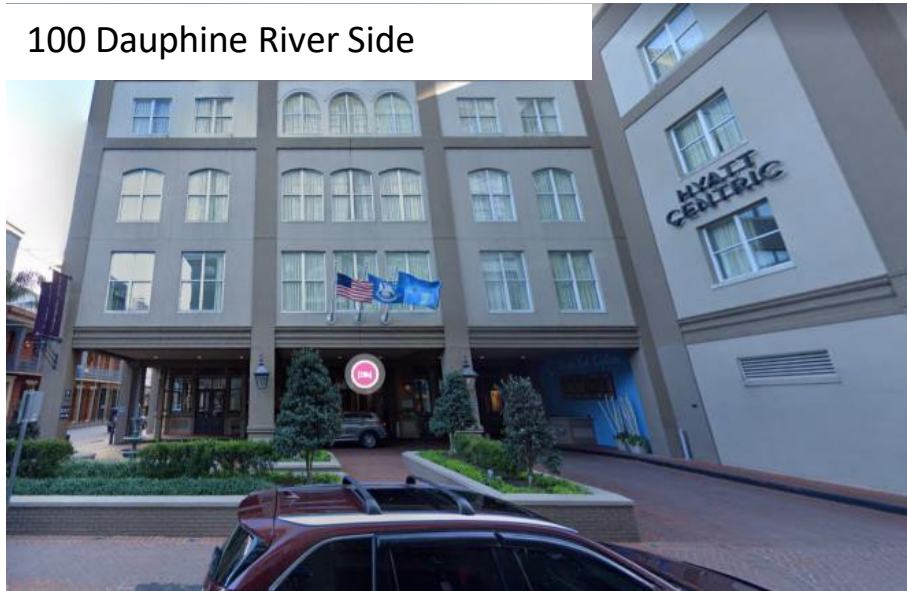
100 Block of Dauphine

100 Dauphine Lake Side



921 Canal Street, The Ritz-Carlton
Quorum Hotels, Rob Drawbridge Asset Mgr.
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
24,585 SF – Building area

100 Dauphine River Side



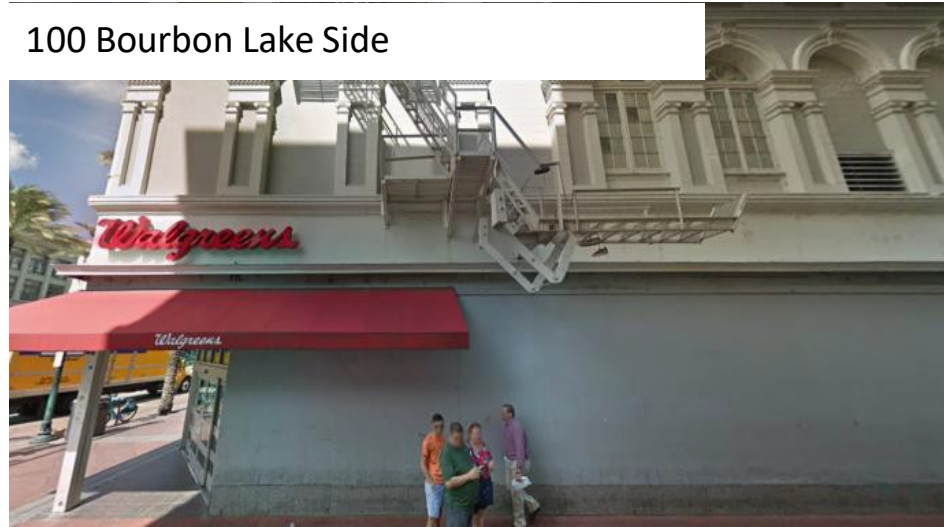
800 Iberville Street, Hyatt Centric Hotel
Canal Street Development Corporation, Owner
HRI Lodging, managing entity, Larry Daniels, Asset Mgr.
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
231,220 SF – Building area



841 Canal Street
Property Management Group, Valerie Besthoff
Retail Store
7,656 SF – Building area

100 Block of Bourbon

100 Bourbon Lake Side



801 Canal Street, Walgreen
Bourbon and Canal LLC
Coleman Adler, Primary Contact/owner
Retail store
21,662 SF – Building area



111 Bourbon Street, Hustler
1X1 Bourbon Street, LLC
Retail store
19,264 SF – Building area



800 Iberville Street, Hyatt Centric Hotel
Canal Street Development Corporation, Owner
HRI Lodging, managing entity, Larry Daniels, Asset Mgr.
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
231,220 SF – Building area

100 Bourbon River Side



736 Iberville Street, Astor Hotel / Bourbon House
Iberville 2000, LLC, Owner, Bill Derbins, Hotel Mgr.
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
2,675 SF – Land area



116 Bourbon Street
Matthew/Munion Family LLC
Restaurant
3,276 SF – Building area

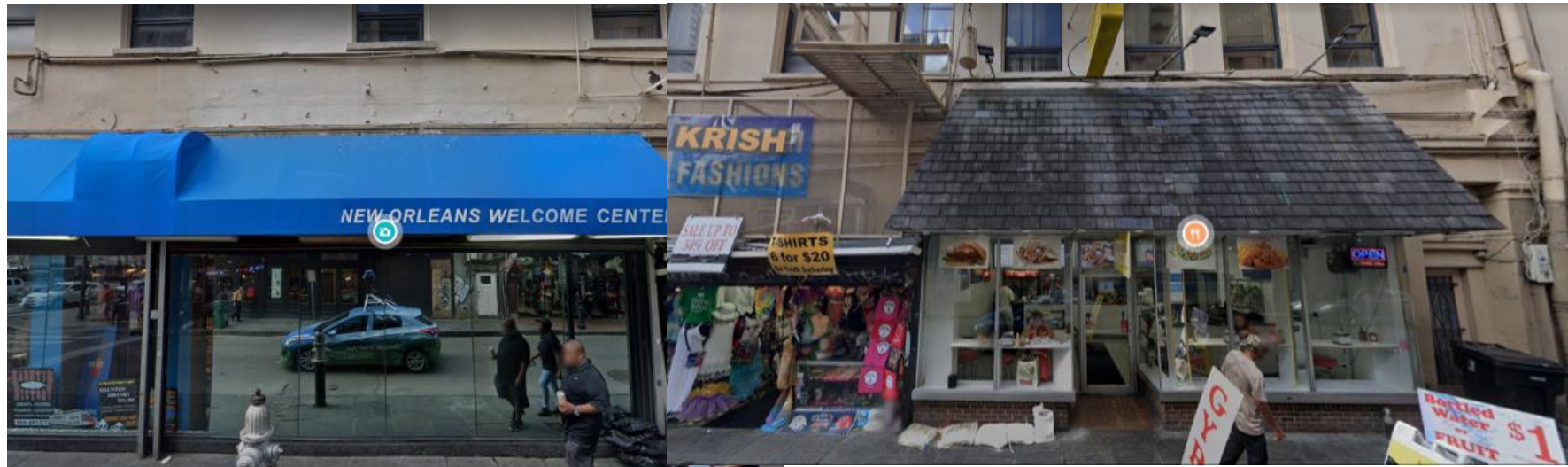


741 Canal Street, Astor Hotel
IXACP Hotel Owner, LP, Bill Derbins, Hotel Mgr.
Hotel, Parking, Meeting Rooms, Retail
258,024 SF – Land area



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100 Block of Royal LAKE SIDE



701 Canal Street
JAYMAR REALTY LLC C/O SONIAT REALITY INC
Bill Soniat, Property Manager
Retail, restaurant and hospitality
21,662 SF – Building area



711 Canal Street, McDonald's
McDonald's Corporation, Owner,
Chris Bardell, operator
Quick Serve Restaurant (entrance closed)
6,846 SF – Building area



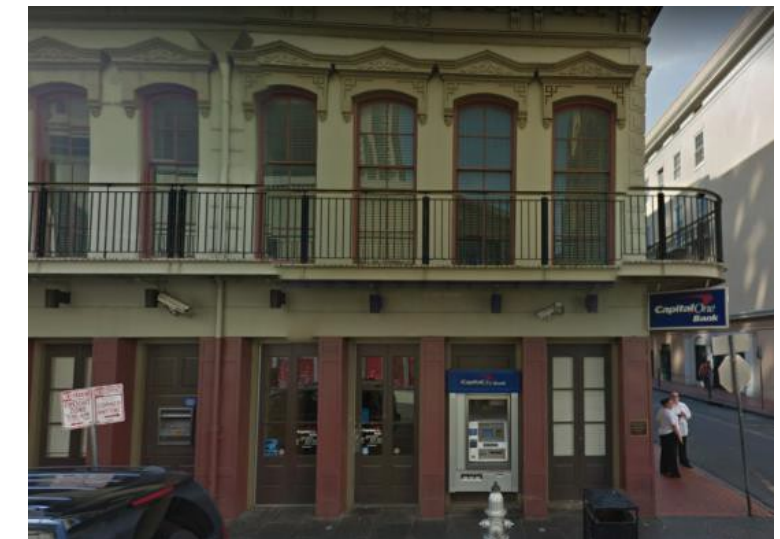
121 Royal Street, Royal Cosmopolitan
Royal Cosmopolitan, LLC, Owner,
Angelo Farrell, primary contact
Redevelopment Project
12,490 SF – Building area



127 Royal Street, Unique Boutique
RSS Enterprises, Inc., Owner,
Sam Shadwani, Primary contact/owner
Grocery, convenience
12,987 SF – Building area



131 Royal Street, Royal Street Market
RSS Enterprises, Inc., Owner,
Sam Shadwani, Primary contact/owner
Souvenir stores
5,828 SF – Building area



143 Royal Street, Capital One Bank
J&A Meraux, Inc.,
Rita Gui / Sidney Torres, contacts
Retail Banking
2,852 SF – Building area



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100 Block of Royal RIVER SIDE



628 Iberville Street, Walgreen
Monteleone Real Estate IV, LLC
Drug store, retail
14,752 SF – Building area



124 Royal Street, Wyndham Hotel
Bristol Lodging Co., Joel Eastman, Primary contact
Hotel, restaurant and parking
234,100 SF – Building area



108 Royal Street, Subway / Smoothie King
Menutis Investments, LLC
Ruth Ann Menutis, Primary contact/owner
Quick serve restaurants
9,996 SF – Building area



106 Royal Street, Gator Country Souvenirs
Royal Street Investments, LLC
Mike / Aaron Motwani, Primary contacts/owners
Souvenir stores
1,280 SF – Land area



637 Canal Street, Amorino Gelateria
Mohtaram, Inc.
Efi Naghi, primary contact
Novelty dining
4,655 SF – Building area

100 Block of Chartres LAKE SIDE



106 Royal Street, Jazz City
O'Reilly properties, LLC
Mike / Aaron Motwani, Contacts
Souvenir stores
4,736 SF – Building area



605 Canal Street, Palace Cafe
Philip Werlein, Ltd.
Steve Pettus Primary Contact
Upscale dining
8,260 SF – Building area



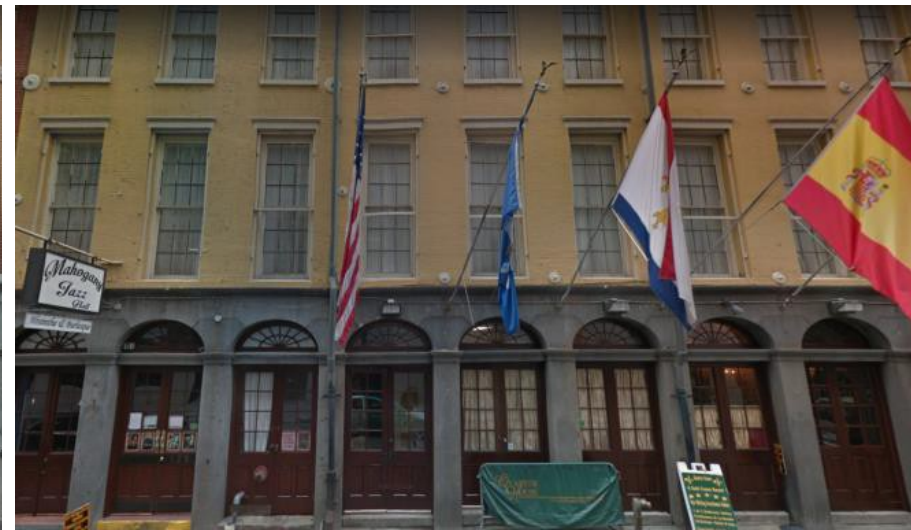
107 Chartres St., Quarter Hs.
Oak Ridge Park, LLC
Paul Dorsey, Owner
Hotel, restaurant
9,600 SF – Building area



115, 117, 121 Chartres St., Quarter House
Oak Ridge Park, LLC
Paul Dorsey, Owner
Hotel, restaurant
9,261 SF – Building area



123 Chartres St., Quarter
Hs.
Oak Ridge Park, LLC
Paul Dorsey, Owner
Hotel, restaurant
13,970 SF – Building area



125, 127, 129 Chartres St., Quarter House
Oak Ridge Park, LLC
Paul Dorsey, Owner
Hotel, restaurant
8,064 SF – Building area



135, 137, 139, 141 Chartres Street
Big Easy Properties, LLC
Richard Williams, Owner
Restaurants, Bars
10,944 SF – Building area



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555 Canal Street, Marriott
Marriott Hotel Properties II
Hotel Property
1,053,159 SF – Building area

100 Block of Decatur LAKE SIDE



509 Canal Street and 109, 111 Decatur Street
Vacation Rentals and restaurant
509 Canal Street, LLC
Albert Ajubita Contacts
4,286 SF – Building area



113, 115, 117 Decatur Street,
Bluegreen Louisiana, Club La Pension
John Santopadre, Primary Contact
Vacation Rentals and restaurants
12,780 SF – Building area

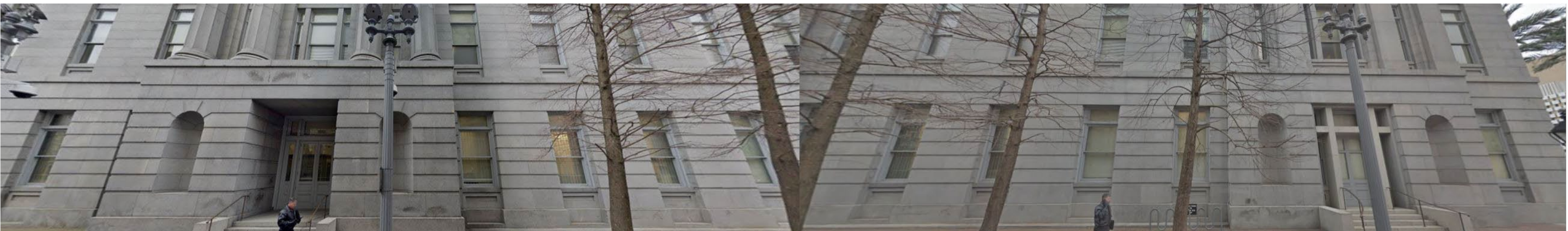


121, 125 Decatur Street,
Bluegreen Louisiana, Club La Pension
John Santopadre, Primary Contact
Vacation Rentals and restaurants
17,685 SF – Building area



129, 133 Chartres Street
Decatur Hotel Corporation
Patrick Quinn, Primary Contact
Boutique Hotel
18,480 SF – Building area

139 Chartres Street, Coterie
Duba Equity, LLC
Janet Marcotte, Primary Contact
Restaurant
13,064 SF – Building area



423 Canal Street
U.S. Custom House
U.S. Government Building
84,374 SF – Building area

Location: Closest municipal address of light pole

Short answer text

GPS Coordinates, if available

Short answer text

Is this street light on the City map? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Conditions *

Yes

No

Light Working

☐☐

Damaged

☐☐

Missing Globe

☐☐

Missing Pole

☐☐

Condition Notes

Long answer text

Upload Picture

 Add file



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Street Light Survey

The French Quarter Management District's devoted Volunteers survey the condition of streetlights throughout the French Quarter. This form is intended to gather the data of surveys in a form that can be used for reporting, mapping, and status update purposes.

- Vieux Carré Commission Foundation's Exterior Lighting Design Guidelines: Site Lighting Study by Tillotson Design Associates from April 2013
- Map of recommendation?
- Maps of existing lights?
- Build off the work Beverly Fulk did for the Livability Committee

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