Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Monday 28 September 2026
2:00 pm

Via Teleconference:	Video:
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Meeting ID: 204 758 9217	Audio: +1 (469) 445 0100

Commissioners Present: David Bilbe, Glade Bilby, Christine Bondio, Steve Caputo, Maddie Charleston, Joey DiFatta, Alex Fein, Sue Klein, Heidi Raines, Frank Zumbo

Commissioners Absent: Mamie Gasperecz, Christian Pendleton

Executive Director: Michelle Courseault **Coordinator:** Shelby Ursu **Special Projects Manager:** Lorrie Adair

Guests: Jessica Dietz, Jeff Dye, Sayde Finkel, Leo John Arnett, Erin Holmes, Chad Pellerin, Amanda McFillen, Sophie Kasakove, Lauren Siegal

I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES – Chair Ms. Bondio called the French Quarter Management District (FQMD) September 28th, 2026 regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Klein called the roll.

II. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS – Ms. Bondio

a. Introduction, Lorrie Adair, Special Projects Manager – Chair Ms. Bondio welcomed the Board and guests and introduced the FQMD's new Special Projects Manager, Ms. Lorrie Adair who shared her personal experience with the Board. Ms. Bondio noted a vacancy on the Board following Ms. Cooper's withdrawal and expressed appreciation for her contributions to the FQMD.

b. French Quarter Economic Development District Agreement Monitors Meeting Report – Ms. Bondio reported that the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) negotiations are continuing, with redline edits currently under review by the City Attorney's Office. The timeline remains with the City pending its response. Ms. Bondio noted that the current CEA expired in June, stating that the goal is to finalize the agreement before the November 5th City Council consideration of the French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD) 2027 budget proposal. The Board will have the opportunity to review the CEA prior to the November 5th City Council approval.

III. FRENCH QUARTER BUSINESS RELIEF FUND REPORT – Presented by *guest speaker: Leo John Arnett, Director of Policy and Research, City of New Orleans | Mayor's Office*

Mr. Arnett thanked the FQMD for its funding on this project and provided an update on the initial round of relief fund deployment and next steps, noting that 27 businesses received financial assistance through the FQMD's investment. Of 74 applications received, 27 were determined eligible, with $100,000 in FQMD funds fully deployed. The Greater New Orleans Foundation will provide an updated breakdown of participating businesses and funding this week. The second round will be funded with the remaining $97,500 in City funds, with applications reopening and consideration given to businesses that were ineligible during the first round due to location requirements. A contract amendment to the original CEA is under review by the City's Law Department, and no additional FQMD funds will be used. Mr. Arnett will provide an updated timeline regarding construction delays in the French Quarter and present a final project report to the Board upon completion. Mr. G. Bilby noted that some street resurfacing has been completed, but they remain closed due to lack of striping. Mr. Di Fatta stated that some businesses have inaccessible streets that are off the main footprint. Mr. D. Bilbe questioned whether any new contributors have been secured, and there are none at this point.

IV. CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Mr. DiFatta motioned **(M1)** to "approve the July 27th, 2026 Board meeting minutes…", Mr. G. Bilby seconded the motion, and it was approved.

V. PRESENT AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2026 TREASURER'S REPORTS– Mr. Fein reviewed the August 2026 Treasurer's reports, noting that the Covenant House line item has been paid and all financials are in good standing.

Mr. Zumbo motioned **(M2)** to "approve the August 2026 Treasurer's reports…," Mr. G. Bilby seconded the motion, and it was approved. ANNEX I.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – The Public Comment Policy can be found at https://www.fqmd.org/publiccomment-policy. Written public comment may be submitted electronically via email to publiccomments@fqmd.org. *No written public comments were received.*

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

a. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ARREST TRANSPORT UNIT FOR $62,400.00, AS PRESENTED. *(Recommended by the Finance & Development and Security & Enforcement Committees*.)

Mr. DiFatta motioned **(M3)** to "amend the motion language to include '2027 Proposal'…", seconded by Mr. G. Bilby and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners reviewed the 2027 budget proposal, which is a continuation of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office's arrest transport unit. Ms. Courseault noted that the transport unit has been a success since its' procurement this year, with 67 arrest transports to date.

Mr. G. Bilby motion **(M4)** to "approve the 2027 Arrest Transport Unit Proposal for $62,400.00, as amended…", seconded by Ms. Charleston and unanimously approved. ANNEXES II & III.

b. MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE PATROL FOR $600,000.00, AS PRESENTED. *(Recommended by the Finance & Development Committee and Security & Enforcement Committees)*

Ms. Klein motioned **(M5)** to "amend the motion language to include '2027 Proposal'…", seconded by Mr. DiFatta and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners reviewed the Louisiana State Police (LSP) 2027 French Quarter Patrols proposal, which will be funded with $450,000.00 of the 2026-27 State appropriations funds as well as $150,000.00 from the 2027 FQEDD budget.

Mr. G. Bilby motion **(M6)** to "approve the 2027 Louisiana State Police Patrol Proposal for $600,000.00, as amended…", seconded by Mr. DiFatta, and unanimously approved. ANNEXES IV & V.

c. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 STATE APPROPRIATIONS REPORT FOR PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. Fein motioned **(M7)** to "approve the 2025-2026 State appropriations report for publication and distribution…", Mr. DiFatta seconded the motion, and it was approved. ANNEX VI.

d. MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MAMIE GASPERECZ TO THE FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Caputo motioned **(M8)** to "approve the nomination of Mamie Gasperecz to the Finance & Development Committee…", Ms. Charleston seconded the motion, and it was approved.

FQ resident, Ms. Chad Pellerin requested commended the good work of FQMD, but asked that the posted Agenda items to be more descriptive, especially regarding the Committee reports.

VIII. 2027 BYLAWS REVIEW – *Presented by FQMD Legal Counsel, Jeff Dye*

Mr. Dye reported that the Bylaws working group reviewed and provided comments on the 2023 Bylaws, with the first draft distributed to the Board on September 7th. Six comments were received, primarily related to governance, and a memo outlining the governance issues was subsequently distributed. Ms. Bondio noted that Commissioners will receive a complete Bylaws packet for a formal vote, with the goal of placing the item on the October 26th agenda. The Commissioners discussed officer term limits, the nomination and removal process, Committee Chair selection, the role of a nominating Committee, and annual reporting of Committee assignments. Commissioners provided feedback on the governance provisions and the importance of providing additional context on meeting agendas for residents. Commissioners were asked to submit any requested revisions to Mr. Dye within the next two to three weeks for consideration before the October Board meeting. Regarding her query, Ms. Sayde Finkel was assured no Bylaws changes would affect the upcoming FQEDD CEA language.

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS –

a. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mr. G. Bilby reviewed an overview of the Economic Impact Study with the Commissioners and noted that an updated version will be presented to the Board in October. Commissioners agreed that the report should be shared with State officials, City Council, and FQMD's stakeholder organizations. Mr. G. Bilby and Ms. Courseault are working on a book-format version of the report prior to distribution to city and state officials. Ms. Courseault discussed next steps, including how the Board can use the study's findings regarding the financial value of the French Quarter to identify opportunities for growth, improvement, and greater collaboration among the Downtown Development District, the French Market Corporation, and the FQMD.

b. FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Mr. Fein reported that the Finance & Development Committee primarily focused on the financial proposals under review this

afternoon. The Committee discussed the potential need for a finance consulting firm to assess the FQMD's needs, including the possibility of a part-time finance manager or consultant. Additional information is expected at next month's meeting, including information from a financial firm that can assist with developing a Request for Proposal and scope of work.

c. LIVABILITY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Ms. Courseault reported on Livability Committee Chair Ms. Gasperecz's behalf, and stated that the Committee is continuing to review proposed 2027 budget items with input from FQMD Project Manager Adair . The Committee also discussed proposed reductions to the Office of Homeless Services & Strategy in the Mayor's budget. Ms. Courseault encouraged public comments regarding the proposed funding changes, and noted that an organizational public statement is being drafted.

d. SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT – Ms. Bondio reported on Security & Enforcement Committee Chair Mr. Pendleton's behalf, stating that the Committee reviewed the LSP 2027 proposal and the 2027 Arrest Transport Van proposal, as well as discussed homelessness in the district. She noted that Mr. Taylor Diles presented the Office of Homeless Services & Strategy 2027 Unhoused Services proposal, and reviewed the current Key Performance Indices (KPIs) of the unhoused pilot program. Ms. Bondio noted that the Committee requested additional 2026 KPIs for presentation at the October meeting, as well as information regarding any 2026 FQEDD funds that may roll over into 2027. Public comment was received regarding reduced funding for the Low Barrier Shelter in the upcoming year. It was noted that a finger printing machine was installed at the NOPD 8th District.

X. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: 26 October 2026 at 2 PM **Location To Be Determined***

XI. ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Zumbo motioned **(M9)** to "adjourn the September 28th, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting…", Ms. Charleston seconded the motion to unanimous approval, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed original available)
Susan Klein, Secretary

ANNEX I – August 2026 Treasurer's Report
ANNEX II – 2027 Arrest Transport Van Proposal
ANNEX III – Resolution: 2027 Arrest Transport Van Proposal
ANNEX IV – 2027 Louisiana State Police French Quarter Patrols Proposal
ANNEX V – Resolution: 2027 Louisiana State Police French Quarter Patrols Proposal
ANNEX VI – 2025-2026 State Appropriations Report

Treasurer's Report

French Quarter Management District
For the period ended August 31, 2026

Prepared on
September 16, 2026

No CPA provides any assurance on these financial statements. Notes have been omitted.

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Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2026

	Total	
	As of Aug 31, 2026	As of Jul 31, 2026 (PP)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Appropriations	425,593.63	532,797.71
FQMA	87,337.80	89,875.34
FQMD general operating account	91,982.67	31,653.49
FQMD Patrol	652,901.29	820,275.81
Total Bank Accounts	**1,257,815.39**	**1,474,602.35**
Accounts Receivable		
Contract Receivable	100,000.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	**100,000.00**	**0.00**
Other Current Assets		
Prepaid Expenses	77,044.53	80,055.03
Total Other Current Assets	**77,044.53**	**80,055.03**
Total Current Assets	**1,434,859.92**	**1,554,657.38**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$1,434,859.92**	**$1,554,657.38**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable (A/P)	161,377.35	183,458.53
Total Accounts Payable	**161,377.35**	**183,458.53**
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued payroll & payroll related	0.00	0.00
Retirement	1,768.32	884.16
Total Accrued payroll & payroll related	**1,768.32**	**884.16**
CEA Membership Dues	79,879.83	80,584.07
Total Other Current Liabilities	**81,648.15**	**81,468.23**
Total Current Liabilities	**243,025.50**	**264,926.76**
Total Liabilities	**243,025.50**	**264,926.76**
Equity		
Retained Earnings	497,070.95	497,070.95
Net Income	694,763.47	792,659.67
Total Equity	**1,191,834.42**	**1,289,730.62**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$1,434,859.92**	**$1,554,657.38**

A/R Aging Summary

As of August 31, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
New Orleans & Co	100,000.00					100,000.00
TOTAL	**$100,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$100,000.00**

A/P Aging Summary

As of August 31, 2026

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
Covenant House New Orleans			61,322.00			61,322.00
dmss llc		843.70				843.70
Front Row Center LLC		5,962.73				5,962.73
Glass Half Full	8,043.70					8,043.70
John Wyatte Foard, LLC	2,732.00	171.89				2,903.89
Omni IT Solutions LLC		412.89				412.89
Public Safety Services Corp Expansion		16,749.16				16,749.16
Public Safety Services Corporation		58,739.28				58,739.28
Robert Bejarano		6,400.00				6,400.00
TOTAL	**$10,775.70**	**$89,279.65**	**$61,322.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$161,377.35**

Profit and Loss by Location

January - August, 2026

	FQEDD Admin	FQEDD Streetlight	FQMD Operating	OJP Byrne	Patrol	State 25-26	Total
INCOME							
Admin. Fees	82,888.05		150,000.00				232,888.05
Contract Revenue			8,043.70	448,426.87	800,000.00	1,250,000.00	2,506,470.57
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee			1,676.07				1,676.07
Interest Income			17,734.20				17,734.20
Total Income	**82,888.05**	**0.00**	**177,453.97**	**448,426.87**	**800,000.00**	**1,250,000.00**	**2,758,768.89**
GROSS PROFIT	**82,888.05**	**0.00**	**177,453.97**	**448,426.87**	**800,000.00**	**1,250,000.00**	**2,758,768.89**
EXPENSES							
Operations Expenses							0.00
Administration							0.00
Bank Charges & Fees			328.09				328.09
Conferences and meetings			1,831.66				1,831.66
Insurance	24,566.40		2,673.84	2,424.00			29,664.24
Memberships			2,263.79				2,263.79
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)			2,368.71				2,368.71
Office Supplies & Software	497.12		5,996.90	5,453.43		11,030.80	22,978.25
Parking			319.28				319.28
Rent	2,600.00		0.00			18,200.00	20,800.00
Travel			1,683.88				1,683.88
Utilities			1,480.69				1,480.69
Total Administration	**27,663.52**		**18,946.84**	**7,877.43**		**29,230.80**	**83,718.59**
Payroll Expenses							0.00
Employee Benefits			4,871.53	4,533.81			9,405.34
Payroll	42,272.00		61,774.80	20,283.38			124,330.18
Processing Fees			948.00				948.00
Retirement Investment			5,528.62				5,528.62
Taxes			9,871.52				9,871.52
Worker’s Compensation			606.85				606.85

	FQEDD Admin	FQEDD Streetlight	FQMD Operating	OJP Byrne	Patrol	State 25-26	Total
Total Payroll Expenses	**42,272.00**		**83,601.32**	**24,817.19**			**150,690.51**
Professional Fees							0.00
Accounting Fees			6,987.00			18,411.00	25,398.00
Advertising / Marketing			15,507.35			24,980.00	40,487.35
Audit Fees						20,500.00	20,500.00
Legal Fees			15,290.15				15,290.15
Program / Project Manager	857.50		7,364.50	12,800.00		11,750.00	32,772.00
Website			821.60			390.00	1,211.60
Total Professional Fees	**857.50**		**45,970.60**	**12,800.00**		**76,031.00**	**135,659.10**
Total Operations Expenses	**70,793.02**		**148,518.76**	**45,494.62**		**105,261.80**	**370,068.20**
Services Rendered / Programming							0.00
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E				63,272.94	306,922.67	956,031.75	1,326,227.36
Public Safety							0.00
Public Safety Improvements		71,169.20				1,900.00	73,069.20
Traffic/Ped Safety						65,774.76	65,774.76
Transport Unit						12,451.74	12,451.74
Total Public Safety		**71,169.20**				**80,126.50**	**151,295.70**
Quality of Life							0.00
GHF Recycling						116,414.16	116,414.16
Rescue Fund			100,000.00				100,000.00
Total Quality of Life			**100,000.00**			**116,414.16**	**216,414.16**
Total Services Rendered / Programming		**71,169.20**	**100,000.00**	**63,272.94**	**306,922.67**	**1,152,572.41**	**1,693,937.22**
Total Expenses	**70,793.02**	**71,169.20**	**248,518.76**	**108,767.56**	**306,922.67**	**1,257,834.21**	**2,064,005.42**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**12,095.03**	**-71,169.20**	**-71,064.79**	**339,659.31**	**493,077.33**	**-7,834.21**	**694,763.47**
NET INCOME	**$12,095.03**	**$ -71,169.20**	**$ -71,064.79**	**$339,659.31**	**$493,077.33**	**$ -7,834.21**	**$694,763.47**

French Quarter Management District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - August, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Admin. Fees	232,888.05	300,000.00	-67,111.95	77.63 %
Contract Revenue	2,506,470.57	2,965,745.91	-459,275.34	84.51 %
FQMA Fiscal Agent Fee	1,676.07	2,000.00	-323.93	83.80 %
Interest Income	17,734.20	25,957.10	-8,222.90	68.32 %
Total Income	**$2,758,768.89**	**$3,293,703.01**	**$ -534,934.12**	**83.76 %**
GROSS PROFIT	**$2,758,768.89**	**$3,293,703.01**	**$ -534,934.12**	**83.76 %**
Expenses				
Operations Expenses				
Administration				
Bank Charges & Fees	328.09	200.00	128.09	164.05 %
Conferences and meetings	1,831.66	5,000.00	-3,168.34	36.63 %
Insurance	29,664.24	44,441.00	-14,776.76	66.75 %
Memberships	2,263.79	3,000.00	-736.21	75.46 %
Mobile Data Charges (Telephone)	2,368.71	8,060.00	-5,691.29	29.39 %
Office Supplies & Software	22,978.25	32,000.00	-9,021.75	71.81 %
Parking	319.28	1,000.00	-680.72	31.93 %
Rent	20,800.00	31,200.00	-10,400.00	66.67 %
Travel	1,683.88	5,800.00	-4,116.12	29.03 %
Utilities	1,480.69	3,000.85	-1,520.16	49.34 %
Total Administration	**83,718.59**	**133,701.85**	**-49,983.26**	**62.62 %**
Payroll Expenses	**150,690.51**	**290,313.23**	**-139,622.72**	**51.91 %**
Professional Fees				
Accounting Fees	25,398.00	32,000.00	-6,602.00	79.37 %
Advertising / Marketing	40,487.35	58,500.00	-18,012.65	69.21 %
Audit Fees	20,500.00	23,000.00	-2,500.00	89.13 %
Legal Fees	15,290.15	60,000.00	-44,709.85	25.48 %
Program / Project Manager	32,772.00		32,772.00	
Website	1,211.60	3,281.20	-2,069.60	36.93 %
Total Professional Fees	**135,659.10**	**176,781.20**	**-41,122.10**	**76.74 %**
Total Operations Expenses	**370,068.20**	**600,796.28**	**-230,728.08**	**61.60 %**
Services Rendered / Programming				
Patrol Expenses - UQP/E	1,326,227.36	1,865,000.00	-538,772.64	71.11 %
Public Safety		0.00	0.00	
Public Safety Improvements	73,069.20	50,000.00	23,069.20	146.14 %
Traffic/Ped Safety	65,774.76		65,774.76	
Transport Unit	12,451.74	60,000.00	-47,548.26	20.75 %
Total Public Safety	**151,295.70**	**110,000.00**	**41,295.70**	**137.54 %**
Quality of Life				
Bourbon Street Holiday Lights		50,000.00	-50,000.00	
GHF Recycling	116,414.16	158,500.00	-42,085.84	73.45 %
Rescue Fund	100,000.00		100,000.00	

French Quarter Management District

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - August, 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total Quality of Life	**216,414.16**	**208,500.00**	**7,914.16**	**103.80 %**
Total Services Rendered / Programming	**1,693,937.22**	**2,183,500.00**	**-489,562.78**	**77.58 %**
Total Expenses	**$2,064,005.42**	**$2,784,296.28**	**$ -720,290.86**	**74.13 %**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$694,763.47**	**$509,406.73**	**$185,356.74**	**136.39 %**
NET INCOME	**$694,763.47**	**$509,406.73**	**$185,356.74**	**136.39 %**

Transport Proposal - Upper Quarter Patrol

Enhancing Patrol Efficiency and Interagency Collaboration

Overview

This proposal recommends the addition of a dedicated transport component to the Upper Quarter Patrol. The proposed initiative involves assigning two OPSO deputies to operate a transport van on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM.

Operational Details

- Personnel: Two OPSO deputies per shift
- Schedule: Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 PM – 2:00 AM
- Equipment: OPSO-provided transport van

Rationale and Justification

Currently, officers and deputies must leave the district to transfer arrested subjects, reducing the law enforcement presence in the area during critical hours. By introducing a transport van staffed by OPSO deputies, patrol units will remain in the district, increasing visibility and responsiveness to incidents. This enhanced coverage directly supports public safety and community confidence.

Additionally, this proposal strengthens the ongoing partnership between the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO), fostering greater collaboration and operational efficiency.

Cost Estimate

- Deputy Pay Rate: $50 per hour per deputy
- Weekly Cost: 2 deputies x 6 hours/shift x 2 shifts/week x $50/hour = $1,200 per week
- Monthly Cost (approx.): $1,200 x 4 weeks = $4,800 per month

Proposal Request: $62,400

Prepared By: SEC Vice Chair, Jessica Dietz September 2026

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners

Alex Fein, French Quarter Business League

Christian Pendleton, Louisiana Restaurant Association, Inc.

Christine Bondio, French Quarter Business Association

David Bilbe Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association, Inc.

Frank Zumbo, Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association, Inc.

Glade Bilby, French Quarter Citizens, Inc.

Heidi Raines, New Orleans City Council District "C"

VACANT, Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents and Associates, Inc.

Joey DiFatta, Mayoral Appointee-Residential

Maddie Charleston, Mayoral Appointee-Business

Mamie Gasperecz, Vieux Carre Commission

Steve Caputo, New Orleans & Company

Sue Klein, N. Rampart Main Street, Inc..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Commissioners of the French Quarter Management District hereby approves the recommendation of the Security & Enforcement and Finance & Development Committees to approve the 2027 Arrest Transport Van Proposal for $62,400.00, as amended.

AYES: David Bilbe, Glade Bilby, Christine Bondio, Steve Caputo, Maddie Charleston, Joey DiFatta, Alex Fein, Sue Klein, Heidi Raines, Frank Zumbo

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Mamie Gasperecz, Christian Pendleton

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES/ NO

This resolution was declared adopted this 28th day of September, 2026. CERTIFICATE hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the French Quarter Management District at its meeting held on September 28th, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.

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Sue Klein, Board Secretary French Quarter Management District

JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR

COLONEL ROBERT P. HODGES
DEPUTY SECRETARY

State of Louisiana

Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Public Safety Services

July 9, 2026

2027 Proposal
French Quarter Patrols – Louisiana State Police Expansion
Submitted to the Security and Enforcement Committee of the French Quarter Management District

Purpose of Proposal

The primary purpose of this proposal is to request that the French Quarter Management District increase its investment in dedicated Louisiana State Police patrols from $260,000 to $600,000 for 2027. The expanded program would supplement existing law enforcement resources and provide additional capacity to respond to public safety needs, quality-of-life concerns, major events, seasonal activity, and emerging conditions in the French Quarter.

Community Justification

The current LSP patrol program has provided measurable supplemental law enforcement activity in the French Quarter. From January 1 through June 30, 2026, LSP personnel dedicated 2,195 operational hours to public safety efforts, including calls for service and agency assists, business checks, foot patrols, traffic stops, coordinated sweeps, enforcement activity, and community outreach. The proposed expansion would build on this demonstrated productivity by increasing dedicated LSP personnel hours and patrol capacity.

Scope of Deployment

• Personnel and Scheduling: The proposed $600,000 investment would fund approximately 8,000 LSP personnel hours annually at the current rate of $75 per hour, averaging approximately 154 personnel hours per week. Deployments may include shifts of up to 14 hours and would be scheduled based on public safety needs and available funding.

• Coordination: Troopers will coordinate with the NOPD Eighth District, LSP Troop NOLA, and other public safety partners to ensure deployments supplement existing resources and align with operational needs.

Deployment Priorities: Patrol activity may include proactive narcotics enforcement; identification and apprehension of wanted persons and felony offenders; visible patrol presence; response to calls for service and agency assists; business checks; foot patrols; traffic enforcement; coordinated sweeps and joint operations with NOPD and other law enforcement partners; arrests and enforcement actions; vehicle towing when warranted; engagement with unhoused individuals for outreach and assistance; major event coverage; and response to emerging public safety and quality of life conditions.

Comparative Program Capacity and Estimated Output

Based on January–June 2026 activity levels, the proposed expansion is expected to substantially increase patrol activity and supplemental law enforcement capacity in the French Quarter.

Program Activity	2026 Estimated Annual Output	2027 Projected Output
Personnel Hours	4,390	8,000
Calls for Service / Agency Assists	1,520	2,770
Business Checks	976	1,779
Foot Patrol Hours	464	846
Traffic Stops	236	430
Coordinated Sweeps	44	80
Total Arrests	70	128
Unhoused Individuals Engaged for Outreach & Assistance	2,868	5,226

2026 estimated annual outputs are based on annualized January–June 2026 activity. 2027 projected outputs apply the same demonstrated activity per personnel hour to approximately 8,000 funded personnel hours. Actual activity will vary based on deployment schedules, public safety needs, major events, seasonal conditions, and enforcement activity.

Operational Discretion

Louisiana State Police troopers assigned to the program will retain full discretion to exercise their professional judgment in law enforcement matters. Deployment schedules and operational priorities will be coordinated with LSP and public safety partners based on conditions within the French Quarter.

Cost

To implement the proposed expansion, FQMD would allocate $600,000 for dedicated Louisiana State Police patrols in 2027.

Hourly rate: $75
Annual funded personnel hours: Approximately 8,000
Average funded personnel hours per week: Approximately 154
Total Cost: $600,000

The proposed investment would build upon the demonstrated 2026 Louisiana State Police activity, substantially increase dedicated supplemental law enforcement capacity, and provide greater flexibility to respond to public safety and quality-of-life needs within the French Quarter.

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Christian Pendleton, Louisiana Restaurant Association, Inc.

Christine Bondio, French Quarter Business Association

David Bilbe Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association, Inc.

Frank Zumbo, Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association, Inc.

Glade Bilby, French Quarter Citizens, Inc.

Heidi Raines, New Orleans City Council District "C"

VACANT, Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents and Associates, Inc.

Joey DiFatta, Mayoral Appointee-Residential

Maddie Charleston, Mayoral Appointee-Business

Mamie Gasperecz, Vieux Carre Commission

Steve Caputo, New Orleans & Company

Sue Klein, N. Rampart Main Street, Inc..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Commissioners of the French Quarter Management District hereby approves the recommendation of the Security & Enforcement and Finance & Development Committees to approve the 2027 Louisiana State Police French Quarter Patrols Proposal for $600,000.00, as amended.

AYES: David Bilbe, Glade Bilby, Christine Bondio, Steve Caputo, Maddie Charleston, Joey DiFatta, Alex Fein, Sue Klein, Heidi Raines, Frank Zumbo

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

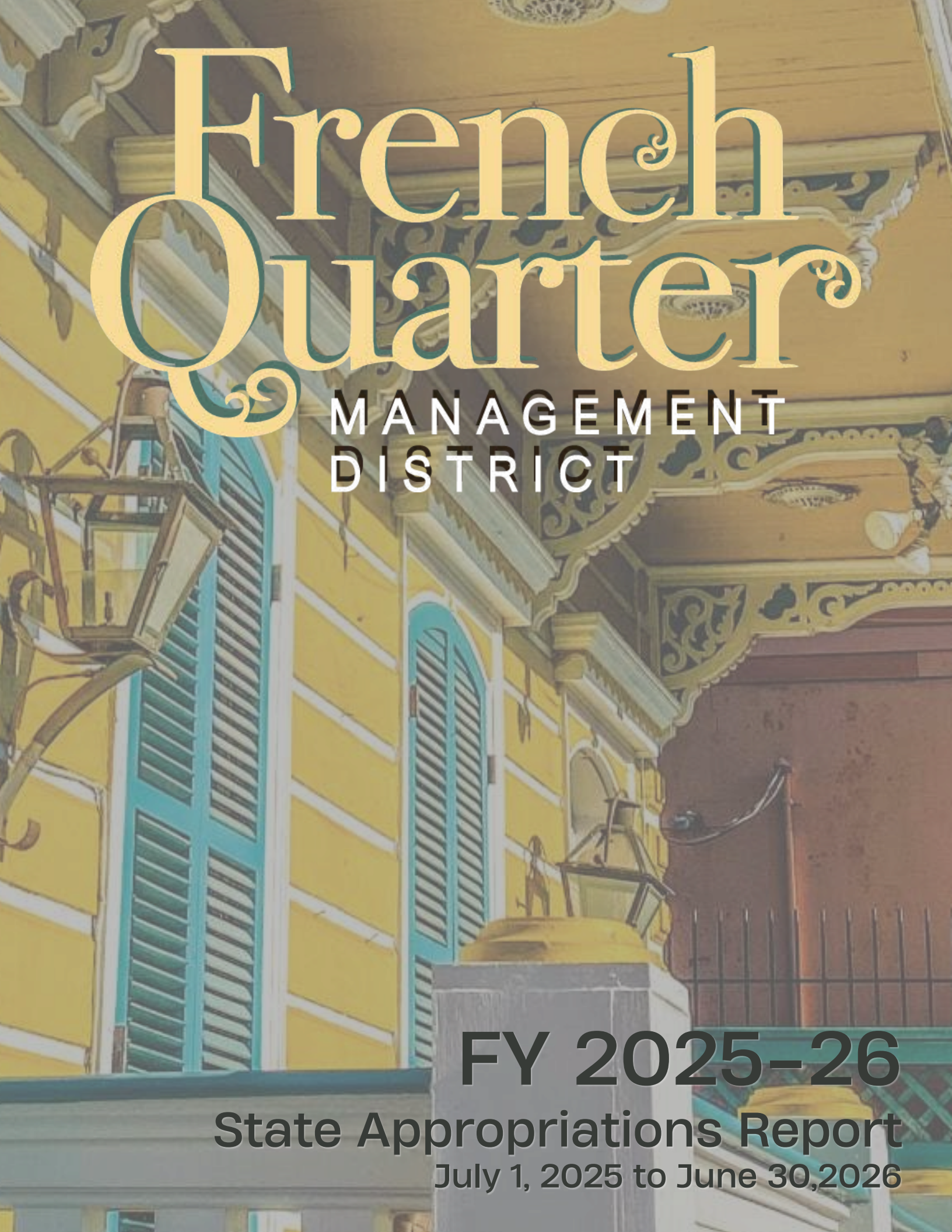
ABSENT: Mamie Gasperecz, Christian Pendleton

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES/ NO

This resolution was declared adopted this 28th day of September, 2026. CERTIFICATE hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the French Quarter Management District at its meeting held on September 28th, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.

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Sue Klein, Board Secretary French Quarter Management District



French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

FY 2025–26

State Appropriations Report

July 1, 2025 to June 30,2026

French Quarter MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

State Investment at Work

The FQMD Board of Commissioners extends our sincere appreciation to the Louisiana Legislature for its continued investment in the French Quarter. These resources allow FQMD to advance its State-established mission through investments in public safety, quality of life, infrastructure, mobility, economic vitality and the overall stewardship of the French Quarter.

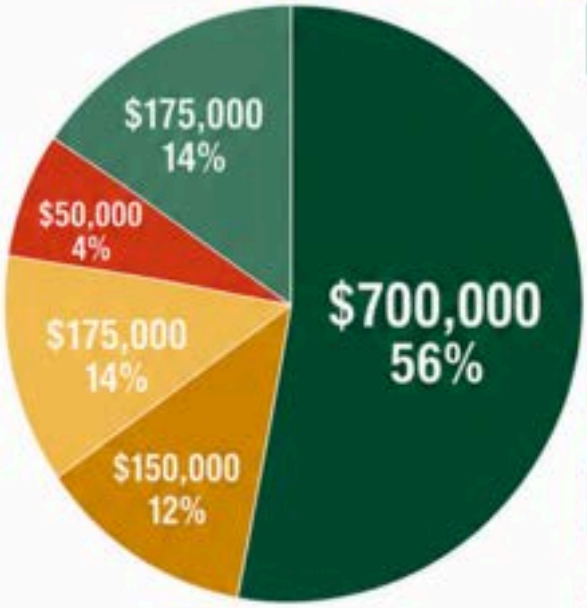
We are grateful for your partnership and shared commitment to protecting and preserving the French Quarter as an irreplaceable cultural and economic asset for Louisiana.

With Gratitude,

Michelle Courseault, Executive Director

FY 2025-26 State Appropriations

HOW $1.25 MILLION WAS INVESTED



SECURITY PATROLS
$700,000 | 56%
Supports supplemental police patrols and provides 24/7 visibility throughout the French Quarter.

KEEP LA BEAUTIFUL RECYCLING
$150,000 | 12%
Funds enhanced recycling services and supports a cleaner, more sustainable French Quarter.

OPERATIONS
$175,000 | 14%
Supports the core operations and administrative functions of FQMD.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Invests in initiatives that support business vitality and the local economy.

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TOTAL: $1,250,000

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Mayor of New Orleans (2) | New Orleans City Council – District "C" (1) | Vieux Carré Property Owners, Residents and Associates (VCPORA) (1) | Louisiana Restaurant Association (1) | Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association (2) | French Quarter Business Association (1) | French Quarter Business League (1) | French Quarter Citizens (1) | North Rampart Main Street (1) | New Orleans & Company (1) | Vieux Carré Commission (1)*

WHY FQMD EXISTS

Our statutory purpose • La. R.S. 25:799

SEVEN PILLARS. ONE SHARED MISSION.

1. **PUBLIC SAFETY**
Keeping our neighborhood safe and secure.

2. **QUALITY OF LIFE**
Supporting a high quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors.

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC REALM**
Investing in and maintaining our streets, facilities and public spaces.

4. **MOBILITY & ACCESS**
Making it easier and safer to move through and around the French Quarter.

5. **PRESERVATION & CULTURE**
Protecting our historic character and celebrating our unique culture.

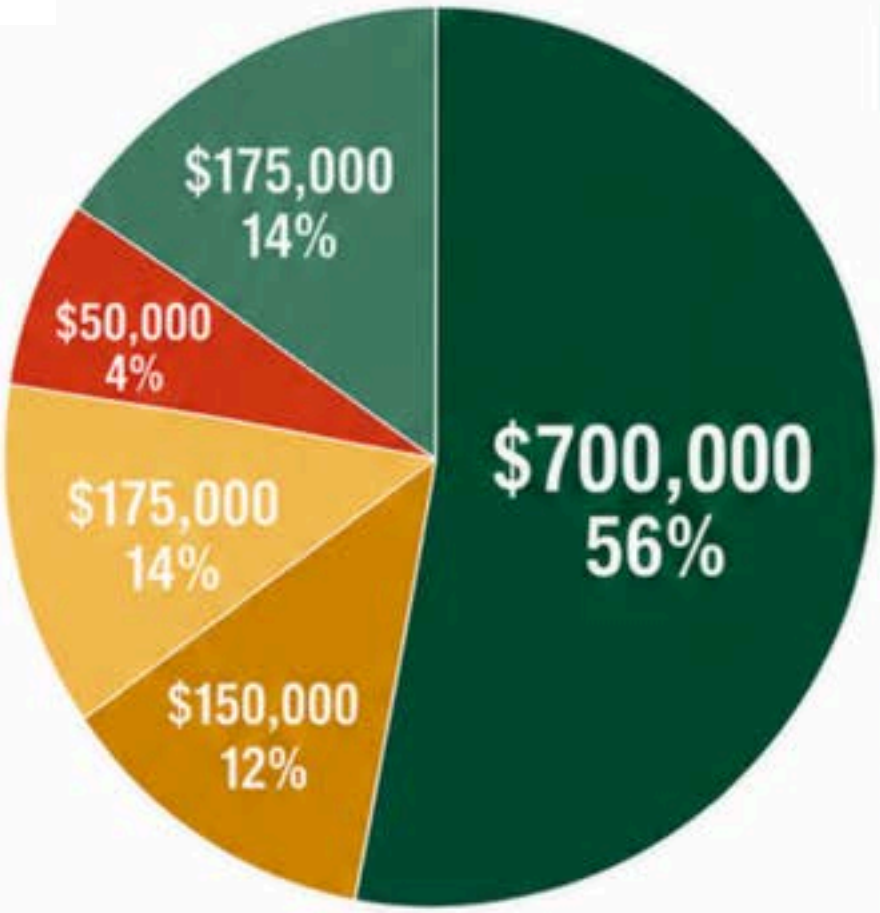
6. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Strengthening our economy and supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs.

7. **CLEANLINESS & BEAUTIFICATION**
Keeping the Quarter clean, beautiful and welcoming.

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LOUISIANA STATE POLICE
FRENCH QUARTER PATROLS

$700,000 STATE INVESTMENT

State funding provides dedicated, supplemental patrols in the French Quarter—expanding visible law-enforcement presence, responding to calls for service, supporting businesses, coordinating with NOPD, and engaging individuals in need.

These results demonstrate the measurable public-safety impact of Louisiana's continued investment in the French Quarter.

1,904
UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED FOR OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE

39
TOTAL ARRESTS
Removing offenders from our streets.

DEDICATED SUPPLEMENTAL PATROLS

ASSIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO THE FRENCH QUARTER

7
FELONY CHARGES

29
MISDEMEANOR CHARGES

6
VEHICLES TOWED

WHAT YOUR INVESTMENT MADE POSSIBLE

951
CALLS FOR SERVICE / AGENCY ASSISTS
Responding when help is needed most.

697
BUSINESS CHECKS
Proactive engagement and crime deterrence.

157
TRAFFIC STOPS
Enhancing safety and enforcing the law.

28
COORDINATED 8 PM SWEEPS WITH NOPD
Stronger partnerships. Stronger results.

ARREST TRANSPORT UNIT

TRANSPORTS TO BOOKING
67

A separate patrol detail staffed by OPSO deputies transports individuals to booking, allowing supplemental patrol officers to remain on patrol in the French Quarter.

$175,000
STATE INVESTMENT

PEDESTRIAN & VEHICLE SAFETY

IMPROVEMENTS ON RAMPART ST. AND NORTH PETERS ST.

Strategic signage and roadway enhancements increase visibility, reinforce pedestrian right-of-way, and create safer streets for everyone who walks, bikes, and drives.



STOP HERE FOR PEDESTRIANS

State Law signage reminds drivers to stop where pedestrians have the right-of-way.

YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS

High-visibility warning signs promote awareness and safer speeds near crosswalks.

$150,000
STATE INVESTMENT

FRENCH QUARTER RECYCLING

Keeping our streets and catch basins clean—especially during Mardi Gras.



YEAR-ROUND RECYCLING FOR RESIDENTS

Convenient public recycling drop-off sites make it easy to recycle glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and more—diverting materials from the waste stream all year long.

MARDI GRAS BEAD RECYCLING FOR HOTELS

A dedicated bead and throws recycling program for hotels captures beads and throws before they enter the waste stream and helps keep our catch basins clean during our highest-impact season.

16
PARTICIPATING HOTELS
Across the French Quarter

10,332
POUNDS
of beads and throws recycled

44,154
ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL BEADS & THROWS
diverted from the landfill

COLLECTED FRONT-OF-HOUSE AND BACK-OF-HOUSE
in guest areas, on every floor, in rooms, common areas and post-event cleanups

$50,000
STATE INVESTMENT

BOURBON STREET LIGHTS

"SECOND LINE IN THE SKY"

A community-led memorial that honors those lost and impacted by the January 1 tragedy.

822
PRAYER FLAGS
Messages of love, remembrance and hope

3
BLOCKS OF BOURBON STREET
100–300 Blocks illuminated



Stretching across three blocks of Bourbon Street, the installation brought together prayer flags, photographs, messages from survivors and families, and illuminated symbols of New Orleans culture—transforming the site of tragedy into a place of remembrance, hope and healing.



Making the French Quarter
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