



HUGHEY & ASSOCIATES

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Dear Oak Street Residents and Business Owners:

Hughey & Associates represents Fleming Construction Company, the contractor that has been charged with the renovation of your Oak Street sidewalks and street. Our role is to keep you fully informed about the plans and progress of the project, and to answer any questions you may have throughout the revitalization of this important New Orleans street.

Towards this end, this is the first of many communiqués that you will receive regarding the project. Please also know that we are available to you by phone or email at the number and address below, 24-hours a day, seven days a week for any information, questions or clarifications.

Starting this month, in March, the long-awaited upgrading of Oak Street and its sidewalks will finally get underway. Expectedly, from time to time, there will be some inconvenience experienced while the project is underway. However, Fleming Construction Company has gone to great lengths in the planning for this project to ensure that any disruption is as minimal as possible, for the shortest duration possible and impacting the fewest people possible at any one time.

We are gathering a database of residents, property and business owners to which we will distribute these periodic updates and progress reports. If you know of a neighbor who is not receiving these, please advise them of our activities and ask them to contact us. We will also be posting these to your neighborhood association and organizations' websites.

If you have any questions, we ask you not to interrupt the workers. This will only delay the work and you may not receive the latest or correct information. Please contact us at any time for the most updated news.

Working together we can hasten the day when Oak Street will be once more the comfortable and inviting street for you and your customers to enjoy. We are all going to be very proud of the final results.

Phase I construction does include the closing of only two blocks of Oak Street. The initial traffic plan depicted a "Road Close" barricade at Dante and Oak. The City traffic department requested via mark ups to the initial traffic plan that an additional "Road Closed to thru Traffic" sign be placed at Cambronne and Oak to inform drivers that Oak Street dead ends at the barricade at Dante and Oak. The "Road Closed to thru Traffic" sign does not prevent vehicular traffic from entering the third block of Oak. Our inspector, Jim McAlister, has already met with Mr. Staples and explained everything to him.

The closure of the first two blocks of Oak (Phase I) is scheduled to start tomorrow March 11. The Contractor will be milling the asphalt to expose the cobblestone in the first three blocks of Oak (Carrollton to Cambronne) tomorrow. This activity along with the mobilization of supplies and equipment will result in the third block of Oak being closed for the morning and part of the afternoon.

As shown in the traffic plan the Contractor will conduct his work in the first two blocks (Carrollton to Dante), then proceed to the next two blocks (Dante to Joliet), and then the last portion of work will be the remaining three blocks (Joliet to Eagle).

If anyone has any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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