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DOTD to Hold Community Meeting for Second Phase of Magazine Street Construction Project

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will hold a public meeting for the second phase of the \$6.7 million Magazine Street repair project, from St. Andrew Street to Napoleon Avenue. The entire project, which began in January, is repairing and resurfacing Magazine Street from US 90B to Nashville Avenue.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal School, located at 923 Napoleon Avenue. DOTD project engineers and representatives from contractor Plus Concrete will be on hand to discuss construction and repair details about the second phase of construction.

The project construction is divided into three separate phases to minimize impact on businesses and residents.

Phase 1: US 90B to St. Andrew Street (0.68 miles)

Phase 2: St. Andrew Street to Napoleon Avenue (1.79 miles)

Phase 3: Napoleon Avenue to Nashville Avenue (1.05 miles)

Phase 2 is expected to begin construction after the Mardi Gras holiday. Prior to the start of construction of Phase 3, a third meeting will be held to discuss the repair and resurfacing. Phase 3 work is expected to begin in summer 2011. The DOTD and the City of New Orleans worked with local merchants by adjusting the construction schedule to accommodate busy shopping seasons and ensure the project would begin after Christmas 2010 and be completed by Thanksgiving 2011.

The meetings are designed to allow the public to learn more about the project and to sign-up to receive periodic e-mail updates on the project's progression.

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Work on the project consists of patching, resurfacing, repairing curbs and installing new ADA handicap ramps. At some locations, storm water drain pipe repairs, sidewalk repair and other miscellaneous work will occur.

The project is part of the \$118 million South Louisiana Submerged Roads Program, a comprehensive road repair program to repair and resurface roads damaged as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The program is funded by the Emergency Relief Program of the Federal Highway Administration. It is administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Learn more about the project by visiting <http://magazinestreetrepair.com>. You can also find us on Twitter @magstreparepair or follow the Magazine Street project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/magstreparepair.

If you require special assistance due to a disability in order to participate at this meeting or if you need additional information, call the public information line at 1-800-574-7193.

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