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Jefferson Avenue Phase I Tree Removal

The Sewerage and Water Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are announcing that beginning August 26, 2013 crews will begin clearing trees and shrubs from Jefferson Avenue in Uptown New Orleans.

This pre-construction activity of tree and shrub removal will last approximately two weeks and is part of the SELA Jefferson Avenue Phase I project that is scheduled to begin next month. A licensed arborist will remove from the neutral ground area all trees and shrubs on Jefferson Avenue between S. Claiborne and Danneel Street. Necessary tree removal actions have been coordinated with the Corps' partner, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, as well as the City of New Orleans' Parks and Parkways department. Soon after the project is completed in the fall of 2017, landscaping will be restored in this area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District recently awarded a 50-month contract to B&K Construction Co. for increased drainage along Jefferson Ave. in Orleans Parish. The contract, which is part of the Southeast Louisiana Project (SELA), will reduce the risk of damages from a 10-year rainfall event. A 10-year event is a rain storm that has a 10 percent chance of happening in a given year and equates to approximately nine inches of rain over a 24-hour period for our area.

The \$52 million contract calls for constructing approximately 3,000 feet of underground drainage canal and required sewer and water line relocations along Jefferson Ave. from S. Claiborne Ave to Dryades St.

The contract includes a traffic control plan fully coordinated with the City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works (DPW). Traffic will be maintained on Jefferson Ave. for the most part, with southbound traffic detouring to Nashville Ave. for canal construction and northbound traffic remaining on Jefferson Ave. Any modifications to the plan will be done in coordination with the City of New Orleans DPW.

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