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Napoleon Avenue Tree Removal

The Sewerage and Water Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are announcing that beginning November 12, 2013 crews will begin clearing trees and shrubs in the median of Napoleon Avenue from Carondelet Street to Laurel Street.

This pre-construction activity of tree and shrub removal is part of the SELA Napoleon Avenue Phase III Project. A licensed arborist will remove from the neutral ground area all trees and shrubs on Napoleon Avenue. 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 spring of 2016, landscaping will be restored in this area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District recently awarded a 38-month contract to Boh Bros Construction Co, Inc. contract for increased drainage along Napoleon Avenue 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 cover over a 24-hour period for our area.

The \$38 million contract calls for construction of approximately 3,000 linear feet of a concrete covered box culvert under the neutral ground along Napoleon Avenue from Carondelet Street to Constance Street. The new culvert will parallel an existing box culvert and will tie in to the new culvert under Napoleon Avenue at Carondelet Street and the existing box culvert at Constance Street.

All scheduled SELA work in Orleans Parish should be finished in 2018.

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