

Media Advisory

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**Councilmember Willard-Lewis  
Announces Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Commemorating Completion of Michoud Bridge Project  
Tomorrow Morning in New Orleans East**

**What:** District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis, along with the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works, announces a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held tomorrow morning in New Orleans East, to commemorate the completion of the Michoud Bridge Project.

Boh Bros. Construction Co., Inc. was awarded the contract for the project. The project work consists of removing and replacing both existing bridges over the Maxent Canal, replacing the sewer and water lines currently connected to the bridges, constructing approach slabs and driveways, and placing American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks on the bridges. The new bridge is now supported by concrete piles and an additional 995 feet of new asphalt roadway along Michoud Boulevard is included as well. The project cost an estimated \$3.85 million with \$3.1 million provided by the Federal Highway Administration and \$750,000 provided by the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans.

**Who:**

- District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis
- Department of Public Works
- District "E" Community Leaders
- Mayor Nagin

**When:** Friday, July 17th

11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Michoud Boulevard at Lourdes Street  
New Orleans East  
(Click [here](#) for map)

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### **New Orleans City Council**

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

The City Council is comprised of five districts and two councilmembers-at-large. Council President and Councilmember-at-Large Arnie Fielkow; Council Vice President and Councilmember-at-Large Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; District "A" Councilmember Shelley Midura; District "B" Councilmember Stacy S. Head; District "C" Councilmember James Carter; District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell; and District "E" Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis.