



Appendix A

20 Recovery Projects in UNOP Format



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Redevelop Carrollton Shopping Center**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: The project is located at the Carrollton Avenue exit off Interstate 10, the dominant entry path for local residents returning to Uptown, Central City and parts of Mid-City. Across Carrollton Avenue is one of the region's premier educational institutions, Xavier University, which is preparing to expand its campus along Washington Avenue.

The Carrollton Avenue Shopping Center should be redeveloped into a mixed-use lifestyle shopping center, serving the through-traffic to residential neighborhoods, but more importantly the University community, with dining, entertainment, and retail opportunities for Xavier students, faculty and staff. With these existing gateway functions and academic adjacencies, a housing component could be included at the rear of the site.

Complementing this will be the extension of the St. Charles Avenue streetcar line, which currently terminates at Claiborne Avenue. The extension should end at the Washington / Carrollton intersection, activating a direct university connection with Tulane and Loyola Universities. The streetcar extension should operate within the neutral ground, and a shuttle bus connection underneath the I-10 overpass will tie the Carrollton and Canal streetcar lines. A proposed intermodal transit hub on the Tulane Avenue corridor at I-10 will further activate this area as a gateway location.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Redeveloping the Carrollton Shopping Center will provide community requested retail needs and an off campus node of activity for Xavier University. With a new face, this shopping center will become a welcoming site to residents and visitors when exiting the interstate to Carrollton Avenue.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Redevelop Intersection of S. Carrollton and S. Claiborne Avenues**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: The South Carrollton and South Claiborne Avenue intersection boasts two great advantages: streetcar access and Palmer Park. The St. Charles Streetcar line terminates here, providing commuting service for locals and an off-the-beaten-track experience for visitors. Palmer Park is a welcome yet neglected green space shaded by mature oaks. Detracting from this intersection is a defunct grocery store and other inadequate developments, some of which are already targeted for redevelopment.

Redevelopment of the intersection includes addressing amenities for public transit riders on the neutral ground and on corners. Covered, open-air pavilions would provide seating, shade and city information for tourists and residents. These pavilions would also act as gateways into the city. Potential light rail running along Claiborne would transform the intersection into a regional hub. This implies an even stronger tie with other modes of transportation meeting at this node.

Improvements to Palmer Park include upgrades to drainage, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping. Proper maintenance, playground equipment replacement and reorientation and continued hosting of Mid-City's Art Market will boost use.

The grocery and drug stores are in design phase, the fire station will remain, but needs improvements and the Chase Bank is renovating their building. Mixed-use buildings should be developed in remaining spaces at the intersection, as higher density housing can be supported here.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Redeveloping the Carrollton and Claiborne intersection will bring vitality to adjoining neighborhoods and create a positive image as one enters Orleans Parish. This major node will meet commercial requests from district residents, add amenities for transit riders and provide increased revenue for the city.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Broadmoor Cultural and Commercial Corridor**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: There are four improvement components to this corridor. The first to encourage and support overall residential investment and repair work to stabilize existing uses. Second is to treat the four blocks bounded by General Pershing, General Taylor, S. Miro and Broad streets as a cultural corridor with community houses offering recreation programs, child care, elder care, arts center etc. The cultural corridor would be anchored by the soon-to-be refurbished and expanded Rosa Keller Library on the one side and the Wilson School, targeted for reopening as a charter school, on the other. Improved landscaping, pedestrian-friendly amenities, and bike paths will help transform the residential neighborhoods throughout the area.

The third component is to revitalize the retail intersection at Washington and Broad and to expand redevelopment along both corridors. The community supports reusing the Bohn Ford building as a district police station with an adjoining recreational space, much like the basketball court at Napoleon and Magazine Streets. A weekly farmer’s market would take place at a nearby parking lot to further activate this intersection and attract residents from the adjoining neighborhoods.

The final component is to recognize the Broad Pumping Station #1 for the essential role it plays in draining the district of storm and floodwaters. An Interpretive Center should be established at this site to educate visitors, city residents and schoolchildren about the pumping station and how it fits into the overall storm protection system.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Improving this corridor will support Broadmoor redevelopment activities as well as address an important transportation node in the city. Many important streets join at this node: Broad, Washington, Napoleon and Fontainebleau. Recommended improvements will provide cultural recognition, security, education and community connectivity.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Revitalize Freret Street Commercial Corridor**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: The eight blocks of Freret Street from Napoleon to Jefferson Avenues are predominantly commercial, and the corridor is known for its small-scale, neighborhood-oriented services and restaurants. Many of these businesses have yet to re-open since the storm, however, and revitalization of this corridor is an extremely high priority for the adjoining residential neighborhoods and the district as a whole.

Urgently needed improvements include: pedestrian oriented amenities such as crosswalks and crossing signals, street lighting, benches and trash receptacles; landscaping and street trees; a clearly marked bicycle path; and façade improvements to existing structures. A planning study of the corridor to develop these concepts in detail should be made a first priority, and a program of tax incentives and rebuilding grants are needed for those businesses which are lacking the resources to re-open. A public parking lot at Cadiz and Valence serves the retail uses and could also become part of an RFP for private sector investment. A weekly farmers market is one of the suggested ideas for this location.

In addition to its role as a neighborhood retail corridor, Freret Street serves the university communities (Tulane and Loyola Universities) and development oriented to the students, faculty and staff will strengthen revitalization efforts. Freret is also in an excellent position to provide commercial retail and services to the future staff and visitors of Ochsner Hospital, which recently purchased the former Memorial Hospital facility on Napoleon Avenue.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Revitalizing Freret Street affords great potential for local, small businesses to take reach out to the nearby university communities and the redeveloped hospital and will provide much needed improvements for the adjoining residential communities.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: Revitalize S. Claiborne Avenue Commercial Corridor

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: Citywide / District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Aside from being part of one of the largest transportation arteries in the city, South Claiborne offers incredible capacity with multiple, wide lanes and a generous neutral ground. Commercial development along this corridor will attract residents from the district as well as commuters traveling to the CBD.

Calhoun, Carrollton, Napoleon and Louisiana are four major nodes of redevelopment recommended along South Claiborne. The vision for Calhoun is a "University Village" offering retail and dining uses at a neighborhood scale much like the current mix along Maple Street. Carrollton and Napoleon will have mid-size retail targeted to adjoining neighborhoods, while Louisiana is potentially a prime location for national retailers drawing shoppers from across the city.

Landscaping of the neutral ground and along the commercial portions of the corridor should be made a priority to encourage investment. Pedestrian oriented amenities should be installed to make the environment more inviting and increase safety.

Particularly upriver of Napoleon, the corridor is predominantly residential, interspersed with schools and churches. A zoning overlay district for the entire corridor should be developed to encourage commercial development at the selected nodes and protect and support the existing residential character upriver of Napoleon Avenue.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Revitalizing South Claiborne Avenue enables the corridor to become a major citywide commercial retail and service provider. Incorporating development strategies along this main artery will keep tax revenue in the city, thereby increasing funds for capital improvements.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: Tchoupitoulas Street Corridor Zoning Overlay / Define and Limit Commercial Activity

Type of Project: Medium Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Along the Mississippi River, Tchoupitoulas Street stretches from downtown to Audubon Park. A wall divides the port and train activities from the regular two-way automobile traffic. In District 3, residents most closely impacted by Tchoupitoulas Street are in favor of focusing commercial and higher density residential development on the river side of Tchoupitoulas between Napoleon and Jefferson Avenues. This section is appropriate for commercial expansion because it is anchored by two large-scale developments, the Sav-A-Center grocery store and the Riverside Shopping Center.

Existing land use and zoning regulations need to be addressed to improve the riverside of Tchoupitoulas Street and would result in higher density and mixed-use development opportunities on higher dry ground. Redevelopment would first occur on public properties for higher and better uses. The City of New Orleans Facilities Maintenance Division is located on Tchoupitoulas between Robert and Dufossat streets and is in poor condition. This site could be redeveloped as ground-floor retail with parking behind and a raised, public green space with river views above. The mixed-use residential buildings in the adjacent blocks would have two to three stories of residential units above retail and parking. The second step to implement these community supported ideas of redevelopment is to simply allow the real estate market to adjust to the reuse of public building sites.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Providing a zoning overlay and development guidelines for the Tchoupitoulas Street corridor will address the need to concentrate development in areas of higher elevation. This will improve safety and provide needed retail and services to a densely populated area of the city. The guidelines would preserve the integrity of the neighboring communities by upholding conscious, urban development and preventing low density, high-traffic development.



Project Description Sheet #___

Project Name: **Revitalize Oak Street Commercial Corridor**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Economic Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Oak Street, from Carrollton to the Parish Line is a collective of neighborhood retail, services, restaurants, and bars. On the Carrollton end, infill is occurring rapidly and needs little redevelopment assistance. Closer to the Parish Line, building conditions and the nature of businesses reflect an unwelcome environment. Expanding the healthy stretch of Oak Street near Carrollton to its origin at Leake Avenue will allow residents and tourists to safely explore all of Oak Street from the streetcar to the Mississippi River levee.

Currently, Oak Street is bristling with protruding signs, cluttered with overhead wires, and lined with locally owned businesses. To mitigate the clutter, utility lines may be placed underground before street repaving. Planting trees along the corridor would enliven the corridor and offer shade for pedestrians. Introducing covered shelters at Carrollton, as well as adding a gateway for the corridor, will help to entice visitors.

Improving overall safety, accessibility, and parking is essential to revitalization. Because Oak Street is too narrow for two-way traffic and parking, parallel parking could be eliminated from the south side of the street. Perpendicular parking on side streets nearest Oak will supplement any lost parking spaces. Improved lighting on Oak and on surrounding streets is encouraged for nighttime safety and parking.

A complement to this project, Oak Street received a 2006 Main Street Program grant. This grant funds a staff person to identify economic development opportunities including façade improvements and signage.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Revitalizing Oak Street will result in a more popular place to enjoy what New Orleans is known for offering: great food and music. Residents and tourists will be safe to explore all of Oak Street from the streetcar to the Mississippi River levee. Additionally, improved lighting and parking will positively impact residents surrounding Oak Street.



Project Description Sheet #___

Project Name: **Equalize Levee Protection on Both Sides of Monticello Canal and Study Decking of Culvert for New Roadway**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Environmental Protection

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: This project addresses two problems plaguing District 3 communities involving flooding and traffic congestion. The center of the Monticello Canal is the boundary between Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. The sides of the canal are not equally fortified. The canal walls on the Orleans Parish side average eight to twelve feet lower than the Jefferson Parish side. This disparity leads to flooding of Orleans neighborhoods adjacent to the canal, including Hollygrove.

Leake Avenue runs along the Mississippi River to River Road and experiences traffic congestion due to direct access to Jefferson Parish. Residents are against widening Leake Avenue, which would likely only encourage more traffic.

A dual solution to these issues is to correct canal drainage problems and to study covering or transposing the Monticello Canal into a roadway, including two or one-way travel and grading. The height of the drainage canal would be equal to the Jefferson Parish wall and traffic loads on Leake Avenue would be reduced due this new roadway connecting Orleans to Jefferson Parish.

Meeting green space and other neighborhood initiatives are also possible through this project. Opportunities for parks and/or bike paths along the canal line would contribute to an improved quality of life for residents.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Equalizing the Monticello Canal walls would provide residents and business owners in adjacent neighborhoods protection from future flooding. Potentially covering the canal and using it as a roadway would alleviate weekday traffic congestion on Leake Avenue and offer a different link to River Road for an evacuation route.



Project Description Sheet # _____

Project Name: **Pumping Station Upgrades and Associated Flood Protection Projects**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Environmental Protection

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Reliable drainage is critical to New Orleans’ long term recovery. Pumping – which underpins both existing and future drainage improvements – suffers a lack of reliable electric power from the local utility. That is, the new pumps lose power during storms.

This project proposes three measures: (a) placement of 60 cycle generators to provide backup power to pumps during storm events. The generators may be temporary or permanent; (b) reshaping of the Canals to create a larger cross-sectional area, thus allowing storm water to flow more rapidly (c) replacement of pile-supported bridges across Canals with free span design bridges, removing obstacles to flow.

Item (a) is part of a long-term capital need in the New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board budget. Work similar to item (b) has been completed in Jefferson Parish with a great deal of success. Work identical to item (c) has already taken place on a number of smaller bridges along the Palmetto Canal.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Reliable, effective drainage for District 4 will encourage evacuee citizens to return to previously flooded areas, confident in the knowledge that storm water threats will have been minimized. For example, the Broadmoor canals and pumping expansion were so successful between 2002 and 2005, FEMA was prepared to remove Broadmoor from the floodplain the week Katrina struck. Placement of generators will realize immediate benefits for citizens, as all pumps will be available during storm events.



Project Description Sheet # _____

Project Name: **Investigate and if required Remediate Syncor Facility**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Environmental Protection

Area of Project Impact: Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: A cloud of environmental concern and doubt hovers over the neighborhoods adjacent to the Syncor facility. This dates back more than ten years when residents inspecting the facility were required to wear protective radiation suits and lawsuits were subsequently filed. Though Syncor prevailed in the lawsuits associated with the facility, “doubt” persists to this day. In January 2007, Frederic Schwartz, district planner, contacted the legal department of Cardinal Health and was assured that they were in full compliance with all necessary permitting and licensing and that they would forward this documentation to the planning team. The purpose of this recovery planning project is to ascertain the environmental truth related to the site through an independent study. If the study does not provide a “clean bill of health” related to environmental issues then an expedited EPA action and clean-up would follow.

In June 2002 Cardinal Health, Inc., the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry, and Syncor International Corporation, the leading provider of nuclear pharmacy services, announced an agreement for Cardinal Health to acquire Syncor. Syncor is a leading provider of high technology health care services concentrating on nuclear pharmacy services, medical imaging and radiotherapy. Syncor distributes time-critical pharmaceuticals to more than 7,000 U.S.-based customers including hospitals and doctors in the New Orleans area.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: An independent study and investigation of the site will clear the air concerning neighborhood health and well being. If remediation is required of a potential hazardous site then the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Administered Zone, clean-up would be mandated through a comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, CERCLA or Superfund, ESESPA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Brownfield Clean Up Protocol for this project.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: Neighborhood Green Block and House Moving Program

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Housing

Area of Project Impact: Citywide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: This program addresses the lack of neighborhood open space, the need for the disposition and renovation of blighted and adjudicated properties and potential problems homeowners may face that result from the “jack-o-lantern” effect.

The program operates at the scale of 9 square blocks. It proposes to physically move houses from the center block and relocate them on vacant lots on the surrounding 8 blocks. After relocating the houses, the center block would be redeveloped as a public open space. Participants would be compensated with a one-time payment for their parcel and would also receive title to the lot to which their house is relocated. House moving costs and interim housing expenses would also be covered.

The proposed program would be 100% voluntary, with funds dispersed on a first-come basis, to be financed with remaining Road Home funds. Our team is in dialogue with The Trust for Public Land with regards to forming a partnership through which the Trust would manage the open space created through this program.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: The program creates benefits for individual homeowners, neighborhoods and the City. It is therefore a “triple win” program. The program will help to redevelop blighted houses, adjudicated properties and vacant lots by moving these properties back into the private market. It will also add to and improve the City’s public open space network. Lastly, the program will produce several neighborhood-scale planning and design benefits, including filling in undeveloped street corners and “missing teeth,” improving property value by forestalling the “jack-o-lantern effect,” creating continuous rows of housing, and providing “eyes on the street” as well as new parkland.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: Home Elevation Program for High and Medium Risk Areas

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Housing

Area of Project Impact: Citywide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: This program addresses the need to incentivize government-sponsored flood protection strategies, particularly in high- and medium-risk areas of the city. The program seeks to establish a simple and equitable grant system free of “red-tape.”

The program uses a graduated funding formula based on three categories of elevation-related risk: low (0 ft. and higher), medium (0 to - 3 ft.), and high (- 3 ft. and lower). Property owners in low-risk areas would receive 25% of the cost of elevating their house to 1 ft. above sea level. Property owners in medium-risk areas would receive funding based on elevation, with the amount of public assistance ranging from 25% to 95%. For property owners in medium-risk areas, the financial incentive is higher for homes in lower elevations. Property owners in high-risk areas receive 100% funding.

The proposed program would be 100% voluntary, with funds dispersed on a first-come basis, to be financed with remaining Road Home funds.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: The program reduces flood risk for residents and, through the use of incentives, encourages more property owners to take advantage of government-sponsored flood protection strategies.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Develop Neighborhood Specific Design Guidelines for Rebuilding and Flood Protection**

Type of Project: Medium Recovery Value

Category: Housing

Area of Project Impact: Citywide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Design guidelines would be developed at the neighborhood-specific level. Using field surveys and housing style inventories, the architecture/planning team would meet with residents in a workshop format to gain a sense of planning, infrastructure and design priorities in each neighborhood. Then, guidelines would be developed for both renovation and new construction, with both graphic illustration and verbal description. Specific designs for a set of prototype houses could be developed that would demonstrate how the new construction would look, and also how it would fit with the scale of the surrounding residential fabric. In historic neighborhoods, specific consideration would be given to compatibility with existing historic character.

Embedded throughout this work would be guidelines for mitigating flood and wind damage. The guidelines might include for example:

- Recommendations for water and wind resistant building materials
- Placement of key utility panels
- Raising structures above flood lines
- Site elevation approaches using fill material
- Wind resistance standards
- Structural tie-downs
- Submersible buildings
- Green building standards to improve energy efficiency

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: The guidelines will help to preserve neighborhood character as it existed pre-Katrina, promote compatibility of infill development, and increase incorporation of mitigation factors into rebuilding methods.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Affordable & Rental Neighborhood Housing Renovation Program**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Housing

Area of project Impact: Citywide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: This program addresses the desire of neighborhood residents to increase home ownership while also preserving affordable rental housing and maintaining quality historic neighborhoods. The program offers financial incentives to property owners to renovate existing structures as both owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied rental housing. Program participants would follow a set of design guidelines for renovating and reconfiguring New Orleans housing typologies.

Funding through the national network of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) would provide interim mezzanine gap financing to provide supplemental capital to reach 90% - 100% of upfront owner costs for acquisition and rehabilitation of existing houses and mixed-use buildings. The program could also provide equity to purchase Historic Renovation Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, etc. in order to provide immediate cash flow to investors and returning residents to jump-start the rebuilding process. Special additional incentives such as lower interest rates and grants would be provided for owner-occupied projects, environmentally sustainable projects, and low income rental rate commitments. Local CDC organizations would act as managers of the project funding and renovation process, ensuring a high degree of neighborhood-level decision making in the implementation process.

Project Cost estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: This program offers affordable housing redevelopment and design solutions that can be implemented at the neighborhood level by a local CDC or grassroots organization. The program will help to increase home ownership levels in neighborhoods, while preserving rental housing. It will also help to decrease the number of blighted buildings in devastated neighborhoods, thereby preserving residential and historic urban fabrics.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: **Program and Develop Interim Use Strategies for Public Facilities / Schools**

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Community Facilities

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Community members will work in collaboration with a planning and design team to identify and implement interim adaptive re-use strategies for public facilities. In particular, this project will focus on reactivating public school buildings and grounds that have not re-opened. The facilities would be renovated and re-opened with an integrated program of community services. Such programs include free health clinics, recovery resource libraries, computers with Internet access, recreation facilities, learning centers and vocational training.

The project will identify underused public facilities throughout the district, propose interim program options and designs, propose design strategies for improving connections between public facilities and their surrounding neighborhoods, and propose operations strategies. For this project, immediate funding is required to stabilize and secure closed public facilities, address hazardous conditions and preliminarily develop community programs.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: The public facilities renovated as part of this project will serve as centers for information and interaction for returning community members. The project will revitalize underused physical assets in ways that sustain the community in the absence of schools. The facilities will serve nodes of activity that will encourage further neighborhood rebuilding and redevelopment. They will also offer vital programs to aid in recovery and serve groups (such as youth and elderly) with special needs.



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Category: Housing

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Project Description Sheet #___

Project Name: Leake Avenue and Levee Park Comprehensive Planning Study

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Community Facilities

Area of Project Impact: District-wide / Neighborhood

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: The levee green space along River Road from Broadway to the Parish line is an incredible resource for the adjoining neighborhoods and entire city. However, access to the levee is hampered by the lack of pedestrian linkages from the adjoining neighborhoods and appropriate safety measures. This project will improve the community's usage of the levee park based on recommendations of a community-supported realignment study of this section of River Road, known as Leake Avenue:

- Realign street using potential capacity in railroad right-of-way to create a tree-lined street with buffer zone for adjacent residential properties.
- Calm traffic velocity through installation of full signalization at 3 intersections (Broadway, Carrollton, and Oak Streets) and improve safety of traffic access. Use street as evacuation corridor.
- Improve pedestrian safety and create pedestrian linkages to the levee at Broadway, Millaudon, Burdette, Leonidas and Carrollton.
- Officially recognize the dog park with river access through a negotiated agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Incorporate recommendations regarding development densities and land use contained in the City Planning Commission's Riverfront Vision 2005 Plan. Coordinate corridor redevelopment with other recovery projects in area, especially Oak and Leonidas Streets, Monticello Canal, and Open Spaces Network.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Creating connections to levee green space will provide a higher quality of life for residents and improve circulation along this important artery.



Project Description Sheet #___

Project Name: New Open Spaces Connections within Network (including Bike Paths)

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Community Facilities

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: Throughout its history, New Orleanians have identified and planned networks of greenery as pathways throughout the city. Neighborhoods were connected by linkages that included linear parks like the Napoleon Avenue neutral ground, neighborhood parks like Palmer Park, and Audubon Park that extends from the River to St. Charles Avenue. Current greenspace planning suggests that ideally, all residents should be within 1/3 mile from a park or green space. Most of the neighborhoods in the district are far from that ideal.

To remedy the lack of green space, open lots should be consolidated and converted into neighborhood parks through voluntary sale/exchange programs, and the landscaping of neutral grounds should be improved to make them more inviting and useable. As capital improvement projects are undertaken throughout the city (especially utility repair and road replacement) work efforts must be integrated and coordinated so as to minimize disruption.

Bicycle paths have enormous value as recreational assets and serve as important transportation alternatives for residents. As part of the City-wide street reconstruction / repair work, adequate space for bike paths should be reserved and upgrades to sidewalks, crossings and curbs should be made a priority to encourage pedestrian usage.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Creating new open spaces will provide a higher quality of life for residents and attract visitors and potential investors. Increasing green space also offers more drainage capacity during heavy rainfall events. Linking green space throughout the city not only improves aesthetics, but also facilitates alternative transportation routes. Creating a network of bicycle paths within these corridors and along existing streets will encourage ridership and bicycle safety.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: Analyze Transit Loops and Vehicle Size/Evaluate Additional Routes

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Transportation Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: In order to meet transit needs within the district, Regional Transit Authority rolling stock and routes must be addressed. The community would like vehicles sized to fit New Orleans streets that respect the tree canopy, avoid damaging buildings and reduce smog emissions. This is best accomplished by providing smaller-sized and lighter weight vehicles that run on electricity, bio-diesel, or other alternative, clean-burning fuel.

Routes need reconsideration based on changing demographics and citywide ridership analysis. The Broadway bus, which reached Tulane University, is sorely missed in District 3. An important factor in deciding the reconfiguration is provision of service to public schools, especially public high schools, which have no bus system. A program to provide transit schedules posted at stops combined with well-located and designed stops and shelters throughout the District and city is required.

Another principle for improvement is to link stops to economic development complementary to the needs of transit riders and tourists. Noteworthy locations include where Claiborne, St. Charles, Magazine, and Tchoupitoulas intersect with Napoleon, Broadway and Carrollton.

Interrelated studies of new light rail and extended streetcar routes and services are also recommended. A light rail line on Claiborne can provide regional and local transportation connections. The existing St. Charles Avenue Streetcar line could also be extended to a redeveloped Carrollton Shopping Center and Xavier University.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Improvements to inter-district buses and routes will provide quality, reliable public transit for workers, students, and tourists. Focusing on economic development that meets the needs of riders at transit nodes will provide retail opportunities and services for riders, enhancing both the quality of life and economy.



Project Description Sheet # ____

Project Name: District-wide Street / Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Program

Type of Project: High Recovery Value

Category: Transportation Development

Area of Project Impact: District-wide

Project Location: District 3

Project Description: A district-wide program for infrastructure begins with conserving resources through coordination among multiple agencies. Such coordination would address burying utilities, fixing drainage (catch basins and lines), repaving streets (including curbs and sidewalks), and establishing proper lighting and signalization (function and synchronization). Utilities to be buried include gas, power, telephone, and cable lines. By locating these utilities underground, they will be protected in future storms and will allow recovery at a quicker pace and lower cost. Repaving, in particular, should consider levels of service when determining the strength and type of substrate materials. Also required is the protection of existing trees during repair, as well as replanting trees where they are now missing.

The prioritization of street improvements should follow a three-tiered approach. First, level of service should be considered. Second, the physical condition of the street should be considered. Third, the location of the street in the city should be considered. It is recommended that streets in or adjacent to occupied areas receive priority.

Project Cost Estimate:

Estimates Prepared by:

Anticipated Outcomes: Implementing a coordinated infrastructure improvement program will provide better utility service on a daily basis as well as during and after future storm events. Streets will be safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Financial and human resources will be used more efficiently.