



MEDIA ADVISORY / NEWS EVENT

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Earhart Boulevard Construction Commencement Ceremony

- What:** Construction commencement ceremony to celebrate the start of construction on Earhart Boulevard from Hamilton Street to Fern Street
- When & Where:** Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m., in the H&R Block parking lot on the corner of Earhart Boulevard and South Carrollton Avenue (also former Walgreens parking lot)
- Hosted by:** The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), City of New Orleans and New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC)
- Speakers:** New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin, New Orleans City Council President Arnie Fielkow, New Orleans City Council Vice President Jacquelyn B. Clarkson, New Orleans City Councilmember Shelley Midura, New Orleans City Councilmember Stacy Head, DOTD Deputy Secretary Sherri LeBas, New Orleans Department of Public Works Director Robert Medoza and New Orleans RPC Executive Director Walter Brooks

Details:

The city of New Orleans, along with DOTD and the New Orleans RPC will hold a construction commencement ceremony for the final Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) segment of Earhart Boulevard. The project will repair a heavily damaged one-mile stretch of Earhart Boulevard from Hamilton Street to Fern Street and represents an important part of economic recovery for the area.

The \$12.4 million project primarily is funded by \$8.1 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or stimulus funds. Other sources of funding include \$2.5 million from the



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Federal Highway Administration, \$1.2 million from the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board and \$627,000 in TIMED funds.

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