

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-016-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE CONGRESS ST. STREETSCAPE PROJECT A PUBLIC NECESSITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY, IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS REQUISITE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT, EITHER ON AN AMICABLE BASIS OR THROUGH THE USE OF THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS IF NECESSARY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City Council has declared the Congress St. Streetscape Project (hereinafter referred to as "Project") a public necessity; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose to be served by the construction of said Project is to provide for the improvements of pedestrian safety and functionality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project limits are shown on the attached Exhibit "A" and will primarily entail, but may not be entirely limited to, the design and construction to improve the geometrics of the corridor and implement streetscape elements and ADA sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, engineering work has progressed to a point wherein it is determined that certain tracts of land or portions thereof will be required for construction of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

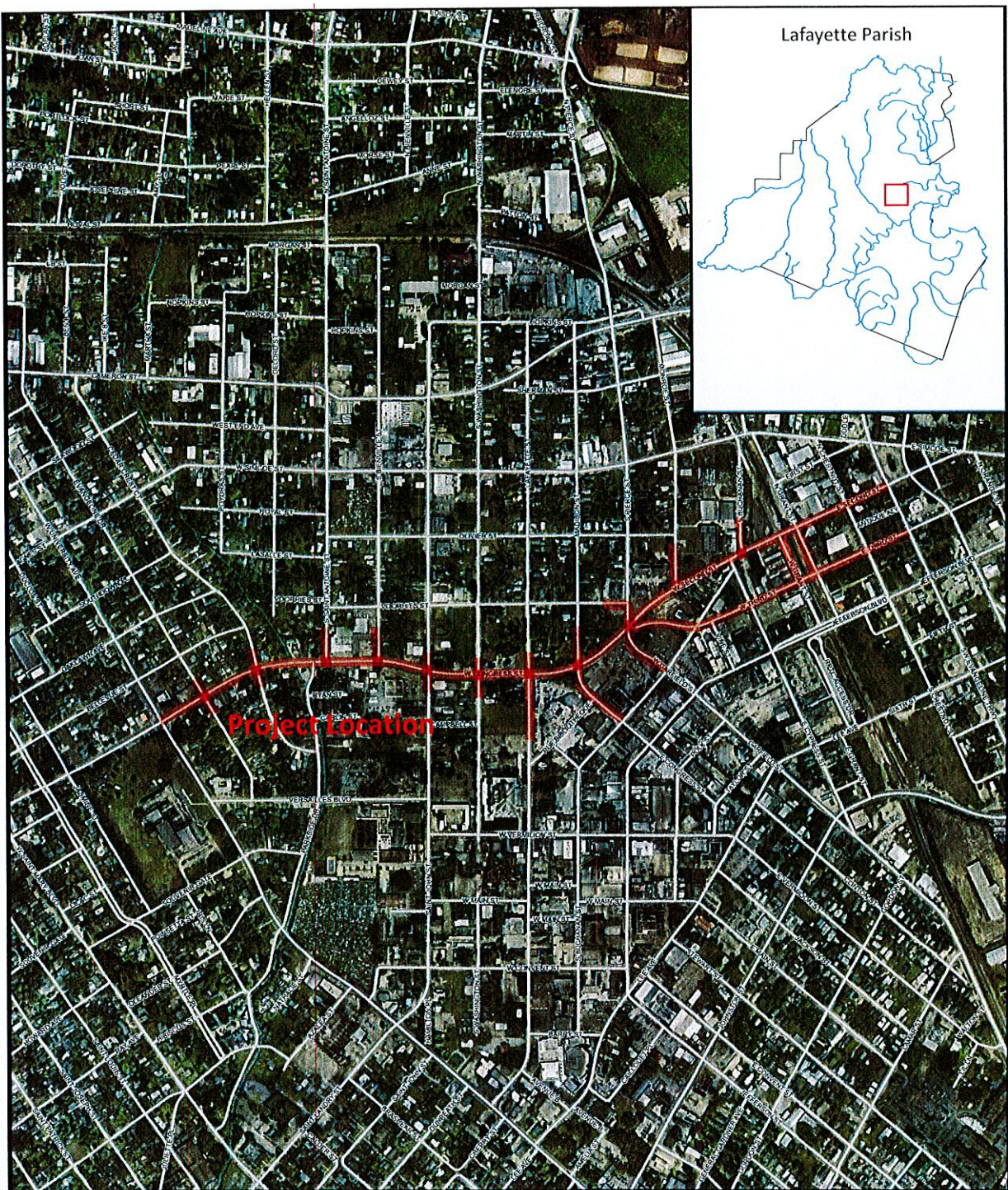
SECTION 2: The Lafayette Mayor-President is hereby authorized to acquire such land, immovable property, rights-of-way, servitudes, or other property rights as are determined to be necessary under good engineering standards to provide for the construction of said project; and she is authorized to do so on an amicable basis or by the proper use of the power of expropriation granted to municipalities under applicable State law. In pursuing said land, immovable property, right-of-way acquisitions, she is authorized to acquire said land, immovable property, right-of-way and to settle the matters thus presented, on such terms and conditions as she shall deem proper and in the best interest of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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Congress St. Streetscape Project



Internal Memorandum

Public Works Department
Director's Office (5200)

TO: Rachel Godeaux

DATE: January 11, 2024

FROM: Warren Abadie

SUBJECT: Congress Street Streetscape – Public Necessity
Agenda Item

Plans for the referenced project have reached a point where it is in order to have an ordinance declaring public necessity adopted to begin negotiations for acquisition of rights-of-way. The project consists of the design and construction to improve the geometrics of the corridor and implement streetscape elements and ADA sidewalks.

If you approve, please place this on the City Council agenda to be introduced on Tuesday, February 6th.

Please let me know if you should have any questions or need additional information.



Warren Abadie
Interim Director of Public Works

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Attachment: Agenda Item Submittal Packet

cc: Tara Cazares 
Alison Lognion
Project File #1853

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Chief Administrative Officer

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RACHEL GODEAUX
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER