

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO-121-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE BERTRAND DRIVE 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 PROPER USE OF THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS, IF NECESSARY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Lafayette City Council, that:

**WHEREAS**, the Lafayette City Council has declared the Bertrand Drive 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 roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the project limits are shown on the attached Exhibit "A" for the project; and is generally the limits of the roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, design work is progressing 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, rights-of-way acquisitions, she is authorized to acquire said land, immovable property, rights-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:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 hereof, this ordinance shall be deemed effective as of 15th day of July, 2025.

**SECTION 4:** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith (particularly including City Ordinance No. CO-071-2025) are hereby repealed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all actions heretofore taken under such ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION 5:** 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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## Internal Memorandum

Public Works Department  
Director's Office (5200)

**TO:** Rachel Godeaux

**DATE:** October 3, 2025

**FROM:** Warren Abadie

**SUBJECT:** Bertrand Drive Project – Public Necessity  
*Agenda Item*

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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 generally roadway, drainage, utility, and sidewalk improvements.

The attached is being submitted as a City Ordinance because the project is located within the City.

If you approve, please place this on the City Council agenda to be introduced on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Abadie', written over a horizontal line.

**Warren Abadie**  
*Director of Public Works*

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Attachment: Agenda Item Submittal Packet

cc: Tara Cazares  
Jared Veazey  
Project File

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: An ordinance of the Lafayette City Council declaring the Bertrand Drive 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 proper use of the expropriation process if necessary.

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of Ordinance

3) COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If this involves a budget revision, please complete a budgetary revision form.

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: October 21, 2025

B) FINAL ADOPTION: November 4, 2025

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Cover letter (1 page)

B) Submittal Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance <sup>2</sup>(1 page)

D) Vicinity Map (1 page)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Impact (Explain)

X \_\_\_\_\_ No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:



WARREN ABADIE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



RACHEL GODEAUX  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER