

**ENGINEER'S MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
CITY OF OPELOUSAS
JUNE 2025**

MGA PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	ENGINEER'S COMMENTS
B#292	Opelousas Bridge Improvements (See Bridges below that are included in project	This project is for the repair or replacement of five (5) bridges in the City as listed below.	Under construction	Project is under construction and progressing satisfactorily. Seima Construction, LC is the General Contractor. Contract amount is \$1,770,913.00. See bridges included in project below.
	Augustus Street Bridge	Bridge replacement w/box culverts	Under construction	Box culverts and headwalls completed and Contractor working on channel lining. Estimate 1 months for completion.
	Frilot Street Crossing	Replace cross drain pipe	Substantially complete	Completed and street is open to traffic.
	Heather Drive Bridge	Bridge repairs	Work not started	Contractor scheduled to work on this bridge after completion of Agustus St. bridge work is completed.
	Phillip Street Bridge	Bridge repairs	Work not started	Work not started. Bridge to be replaced by DOTD, so repair work will only occur if necessary to keep bridge open prior to scheduled replacement.
	Plaisance Street Bridge	Repairs to address erosion problems that impact approach slab at box culvert	Substantially complete	Completed and street is open to traffic
B#132	Bernice Street Bridge	Bridge replacement	Bridge closed	Bridge was scheduled for replacement during channel lining project in early 2000's. Problems due to bridge not being replaced during channel lining project and lack of proper maintenance. Estimated cost was estimated in 2024 to be approximately \$2,500,000. MGA not authorized to begin design work due to lack of funding for project.
B#280	Ducharme Street Bridge	Bridge replacement	Bridge closed	Ref. Letter to City dated May 10, 2021. Estimated cost at time of closure was \$800,000. No current cost estimate has been prepared and MGA not authorized to begin design work due to lack of funding for project.
B#135	Halphen Street Bridge	Bridge replacement	Needs replacement	Bridge was scheduled for replacement during channel lining project in early 2000's. No current cost estimate. MGA not authorized to begin design work due to lack of funding for project.
D#115	Guidry Street Drainage	Drainage improvements	Design phase	Project includes removal and replacement of drainage pipe on Guidry St. near entrance to WTP to reduce flooding. This work will be included in the WTP project

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SC#251	Opelousas Sewer - EPA, DEQ, and LDH Administrative Orders	Program Management Services & Compliance Reporting	On-going	MGA is providing engineering services related to assisting the City with addressing EPA, DEQ, and LDH Administrative Orders mandates. Services include assisting with Asset Management Plan, Sewer System Evaluation Services (Annual inspection program), GIS mapping of sewer system, and other services as necessary related to compliance with Orders. Compliance reporting is being performed by CENLA Environmental. MGA provides assistance to CENLA and City as requested.
SC#251-1	Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation-Phase 1	Rehabilitation of sewer system	Under construction	Project includes the rehabilitation of sewer system to reduce overflows and bypasses in sewer system as mandated by the EPA, DEQ, and LDH. Areas included in project is serviced by the Diesi, Jasmine, Randy, and St. Landry Plaza pump stations. Delays and additional costs are being incurred due to issues with pump stations and lack of city personnel to facilitate progress. Significant issues are being encountered with access in easements on private property and location of waterlines, thus limiting progress with work. Discussed in meeting with City representatives on March 19th. No significant action taken by City. Project funded through DEQ loan funds.
SC#251-2	Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation-Phase 2	Rehabilitation of sewer system	Design phase	Project includes the rehabilitation of sewer system to reduce overflows and bypasses in sewer system as mandated by the EPA, DEQ, and LDH. Areas included in project is serviced by the Lakeview, Linwood, and Olindes pump stations. Project funded through DEQ loan funds. Project is in design phase
SC#261A	Bernice Street Pump Station Upgrades	Relocation of Bernice St. Pump Station	Under construction	Relocation of electrical service lines delayed start of construction and all electrical service lines have been relocated. Contractor is mobilizing site this week and will be beginning construction next week. Cost of project is estimated at \$886,462. Project funded through \$478,065 in CDBG funds and \$408,397 in City funds.

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S#539A	City Wide Street Improvements	Street Improvements	Design phase	Engineering Services Agreement approved by FP&C. MGA has begun topographic surveying and preliminary design. Estimate plans to be completed and submitted to FP&C by end of August. Streets included in project are: Abdalla Blvd. from Joyce to George Dr.; Joyce St. from Union St. to Abdalla Blvd.; Grolee St. from Hibiscus St. to Railroad Ave.; Park Ave. from Bullard St. to Fern St.; Perry Lane from Wallior St. to Paris St. Estimated cost is \$2,617,428, of which \$2,250,000 will be state funds and \$367,428 will be required City match.
W#300	Replacement of water meters	Installation of AMR System and customer meters	Paused	There were approximately 318 known meters that were not replaced in project and approximately \$254,000 in state funds are remaining. Recommendation is to utilize remaining state funds to purchase additional meters to install during the service line replacement project (MGA Project W#309.4). MGA requested authorization from FP&C to purchase meters and is waiting on response.
W#302	Water System Improvements	Repair/replacement of water mains	Paused	This project is for the replacement of several water mains crossing existing railroad facilities. Project originally included replacement of the ground storage tank at Med-South, but has been delayed due to issues with water pressure when Med-South facility is taken offline. MGA developing plan to address the water mains and ground storage tank issues with FP&C, which will include negotiating a change order with contractor to re-engage with performance of work.
W#309	Opelousas Water System-LDH Administrative Order	Program Management Services	On-going - Limited work due to funding	MGA is providing engineering services related to assisting the City with addressing the LDH Administrative Order mandates. MGA prepared and submitted a System Improvement Plan (SIP) to LDH and is assisting the City with implementation of projects to outlined in the SIP. Program Management services include assisting with Asset Management (including GIS mapping and compliance with the LCRR), constructing a hydraulic model of water system, preparing O&M manuals for treatment plant and distribution system and providing other services as requested. Compliance reporting is being performed by CENLA Environmental. MGA provides assistance to CENLA as requested. Funding will be through LDH Loan

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W#309.1	Service Lines Inventory (LCRR Compliance)	Create and maintain inventory of water service lines	Ongoing	City required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to maintain an inventory of public and private service lines in water system. Initial inventory submitted to LDH and inventory will be updated during the galvanized steel mains and service lines replacement project.
W#309.2	Med-South Ground Storage Tank (GST)	Construct new ground storage tank & replace existing ground storage tank	Re-Design phase	The replacement of the existing GST was under construction with materials on-site since August 2023 but can not be completed due to low water pressure issues when the Med-South facility is taken offline. MGA is preparing plans to construct the GST included in W#302 next to the existing tank and working on possible solutions to address the low pressure issue to facilitate installation/replacement of the existing GST. Estimated cost is \$1,158,175 and will be funded through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.
W#309.3	Water Wells Rehabilitation	Rehabilitate City's existing water wells	Construction Phase	This project includes the rehabilitation of the City's existing water wells to bring the wells back to their original design capacity. Contracts awarded and waiting on LDH loan to be closed before issuing notice to proceed. Estimated cost is \$939,000 and funding will be through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.
W#309.4	Replacement of Galvanized Steel Mains & Service Lines	Replace galvanized steel water lines	Design phase	This project includes the replacement of existing defective galvanized steel water mains and services lines throughout the water system. MGA has begun preliminary design and is working on a 6-month design schedule per Water Sector requirements. Estimated final plans schedule to be completed by October 2025. Preliminary estimate of cost is \$7,761,762 and funding will be through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.
W#321	Water Main Installation - I-49 North Service Road	Installation of new water main from Comfort Inn to Lakeview Subdivision	Design phase	Project includes the installation of a new 8" water main from the Comfort Inn to Lakeview Subdivision to provide potable water to properties along the east side of I-49. Completion of final plans and submittal to LDH & pipeline companies for permitting anticipated to be in June. Funding provided by CSLEDD.
W#328	Water Main Replacement - Montreal Street	Replace defective water main	Under construction by City	Project includes the replacement of the existing deteriorated galvanized steel water main on Montreal Street from Coleman Street to south of Lincoln Street. MGA performed design and LDH permitting services only. City is handling construction phase.

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WTP#34	Water Treatment Facility - Upgrades & Modifications	Upgrade of existing water treatment facility	Design phase	This project is for the rehabilitation of the existing lime softening plant on Guidry Street. Estimated cost is \$12,738,387 and funding will be through LDH loan funds. Plan submittal to LDH for permitting/approval is scheduled for end of June
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ISSUES				
N/A	Opelousas General Hospital	Water pressure problems	N/A	City met on several occasions to discuss lack of water pressure at hospital, especially during extreme weather events. These were discussions only with hospital CEO and no resolution has been agreed upon.
N/A	Med-South Water Well No. 2	Well production issue	Out of service	Well started pumping sand and recommended to be taken out of service until investigative work can be accomplished. City hired a well service company to investigate problem. Numerous problems identified and City received cost to repair problems with well. MGA's understanding is that contractor has been advised to proceed with repair work. This situation is extremely critical to water production to meet system demand.
N/A	Water Treatment Plant	Service Pump No. 1	Out of service	Recently it was discovered that the foot valve on service pump no. 1 was defective and in need of replacement. In order to replace the foot valve, the clear well has to be taken out of service and bypassing of water plant will be required. City personnel working to evaluate and options to bypass clearwell. City requested MGA to prepare LDH submittal to temporarily bypass clear well to perform the work. Upon LDH approval, contractor to schedule the work.
N/A	Water Sector Grant Application	Water System Improvements	Grant Awarded.	This project includes 3 projects included in the SIP, Rehabilitation of Water Wells, Replacement of Ground Storage Tank at Med-South, and Replacement of Galvanized Steel Mains and Services (Refer to MGA Projects W#309.2, 309.3, & 309.4 for status of each project). Estimated cost is \$9,888,937, of which \$4,845,579 will be grant funds and \$5,043,358 will be City's match. City match will come from LDH loan funds.

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N/A	LCDBG Application	Bi-Annual CDBG Application	City Ineligible to submit application	City is ineligible for CDBG funding due to existing CDBG projects that will not be closed out in time to meet program threshold requirements. Currently, the City has 2 CDBG projects open. One for the pump stations project that should be completed in summer 2025, and the second is discretionary funding for the library and community center. It is unclear when the library & community projects will be completed.