

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

MGA PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	ENGINEER'S COMMENTS
B292	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, LLC 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	Contractor is working on replacing curb & gutters and street restoration. Estimated time to complete work and open bridge is approximately 2 weeks.
	Frilot Street Crossing	Replace cross drain pipe	Substantially complete	Completed and street is open to traffic.
	Heather Drive Bridge	Bridge repairs	Substantially complete	Contractor completing major items of work. Paving work scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4th, and when completed roadway can be opened. Punch list outlining work remaining to complete project issued to contractor.
	Phillip Street Bridge	Bridge repairs	N/A	Bridge to be replaced by DOTD, so the work has been deleted from the City's bridge project. Bid date for bridge replacement has been delayed until July, 2026.
	Plaisance Street Bridge	Repairs to address erosion problems that impact approach slab at box culvert	Substantially complete	Completed and street is open to traffic
B132	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.
B280	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.
B135	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.
D115	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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SC251	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. Annual inspection work (Mainline CCTV & Manhole inspections) is currently ongoing as required by the EPA Administrative Order. MGA has been and continues to recommend to City that an outside consultant be hired to assist with O&M of sewer system, as current staffing is inadequate.
SC251-1	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 are serviced by the Diesi, Jasmine, Randy, and St. Landry Plaza pump stations. Delays and additional costs were 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, 2025. No significant action taken by City. Contractor is continuing with work that can be accomplished outside of easements. Project funded through DEQ loan funds.
SC251-2	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 are serviced by the Lakeview, Linwood, and Olindes pump stations. Project funded through DEQ loan funds. Project is in design phase.
SC261A	Bernice Street Pump Station Upgrades	Relocation of Bernice St. Pump Station	Under construction	Contractor working on pump station and has pump station wet well installed & continuing with relocation of sewer lines. 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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S539A	City Wide Street Improvements	Street Improvements	Design phase	Engineering Services Agreement approved by FP&C. MGA working on final plans to submit to FP&C for approval. Originally scheduled to be completed by end of August, but delays have been encountered. Currently estimate plans to be completed and submitted to FP&C by mid-October. 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.
W300	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 W309-4). MGA requested authorization from FP&C to purchase meters and is waiting on response.
W302	Water System Improvements	Repair/replacement of water mains	Paused	This project is for the replacement of several water mains crossing existing railroad facilities and a new ground storage tank (GST) at the Med-South Well site. MGA received direction from FP&C to negotiate a change order with the contractor to re-engage with performance of work and install the GST next to the existing GST in lieu of replacing the existing GST. Re-design of the GST completed and LDH permit issued. Project originally included replacement of the ground storage tank at Med-South, but was delayed for several years due to issues with water pressure when Med-South facility is taken offline. MGA has submitted revised plans to contractor and is awaiting revised pricing for review. Upon approval, a change order will be issued to complete the work.

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W309	Opelousas Water System-LDH Administrative Order	Program Management Services	On-going	MGA is providing engineering services related to assisting the City with addressing the LDH Administrative Order mandates. LDH Loan has been closed and MGA working on implementing projects 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. Capital improvement projects outlined in SIP are identified as MGA projects W309-1 thru W309-4 listed in this report. Other projects outlined in SIP to be implemented in accordance with schedule included in SIP. Compliance reporting is being performed by CENLA Environmental. MGA provides assistance to CENLA as requested. MGA has been and continues to recommend to City that an outside consultant be hired to assist with O&M of water system, as current staffing is inadequate.
W309-1	Service Lines Inventory (LCRR Compliance)	Create and maintain inventory of water service lines	Ongoing	City required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCCR) 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.
W309-2	Med-South Ground Storage Tank (GST)	Replace existing ground storage tank and other work to place new GST identified in MGA project W302 into operation	Re-Design phase	The replacement of the existing GST was under construction with materials on-site since August 2023 but could not be completed due to low water pressure issues when the Med-South facility is taken offline (Ref. MGA Project W302). MGA completed plans to perform work to connect the new GST included in MGA Project W302 and to replace the existing GST (two GSTs will be provided). Plans completed and submitted to LDH for permitting. Upon issuance of LDH permit and OCD (Water Sector) approval, solicitation of bids will begin. Estimated cost is \$1,158,175 and will be funded through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.

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W309-3	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 executed and MGA is working with contractor to schedule a pre-construction meeting and issue notice to proceed. However, this work is cannot begin until the City's contractor is completed with the work currently being performed on the Med-South Well No. 1. Estimated cost is \$939,000 and funding will be through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.
W309-4	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 is working on final plans 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.
W321	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. Plans completed and submitted to LDH & pipeline companies for permitting. Funding provided by CSLEDD.
WTP34	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 was scheduled for end of June but due to manpower issues with sub-consultants, design is behind schedule. Final plans are presently being reviewed and will be submitted to LDH for permitting in September.
WTP34A	Water Treatment Facility - Temporary Bypass	Prepare LDH submittal for bypass of water treatment plant	Permitting	MGA prepared and submitted plans to LDH for City to bypass WTP in order to clean the clear well (underground storage tank) and replace the foot valve for Service Pump No. 1. LDH permit obtained and City was advised of such. The project will be administered by the City and MGA consulted if necessary.

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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. 1	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. Work is progressing slowly due to unforeseen problems but moving forward. Once work on this well is completed, then the rehabilitation work on other wells (Ref. MGA Project W#309.3) can commence. This situation is extremely critical to water production to meet system demand.
N/A	Water Sector Grant Application	Water System Improvements (MGA Projects W309-2, W309-3, and W309-4)	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 W309-2, 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.