



S. Carrollton Ave. to Audubon St., S. Claiborne Ave. to Willow St.

September 9, 2025

Carlos Zervigon
Vice President, NOLA Public Schools (District 6)
2401 Westbend Parkway
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Dear Carlos,

Thank you for taking time to meet with the leadership of the Central Carrollton Neighborhood Association (CCA) on Monday, September 8, 2025. We greatly appreciate your long tenure of public service and advocacy for public education in New Orleans.

We're grateful for your commitment to address the longstanding concerns of our Carrollton community, particularly as it relates to pressing infrastructure needs at the **McNair School**.

As you know, CCA has long advocated for the **reconstruction of sidewalks along Green and Short streets** (surrounding the McNair school campus), which are completely inaccessible and impassible, particularly after the slightest accumulation of rain.

Nola Public Schools' own internal facilities assessment describes both the Green & Short St. sidewalks (from pages 31 and 32 of the report) as FAILING and in need of full replacement:

- **"Sidewalk along Green St. severely cracked/crumbling with tree root growth beneath concrete creating a tripping hazard. Demo and replace."**
- **"Sidewalk along Short St. has sunk and cracked, creating tripping hazards. Ramp needs to be added at corner. Demo and replace."**

As we've documented from the (attached) City surveys, the Orleans Parish School Board is the legal documented owner of the Green & Short St. sections where these failing sidewalks exist. (The City owns the building portion @ S. Carrollton & Birch St., where the sidewalks are fine).

According to the City of New Orleans, **property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of public sidewalks in front of their properties.** As such, Nola Public Schools is both responsible and legally liable for the unacceptable and unsafe condition of the sidewalks.

The lack of accessible and walkable sidewalks on Short & Green Streets is posing a **major safety concern** to neighbors in the community, who are forced to walk in the middle of the street and dodge oncoming traffic. **An accident - potentially serious - is only a matter of time.**

As our elected School Board representative, CCA is asking you to facilitate the **immediate raising and repair of these sunken, broken, and/or missing sidewalks surrounding the McNair school campus.** We thank you for your prompt attention to this long overdue concern.

Please see the attached documents as evidence of **(1) Nola Public Schools' ownership of the sites in question,** and **(2) Nola Public Schools' own internal assessment stating that the sidewalks are in dire need of immediate demolition and repair.**

Thank you,



Richard Arnold
Quality of Life Chair
Central Carrollton Association

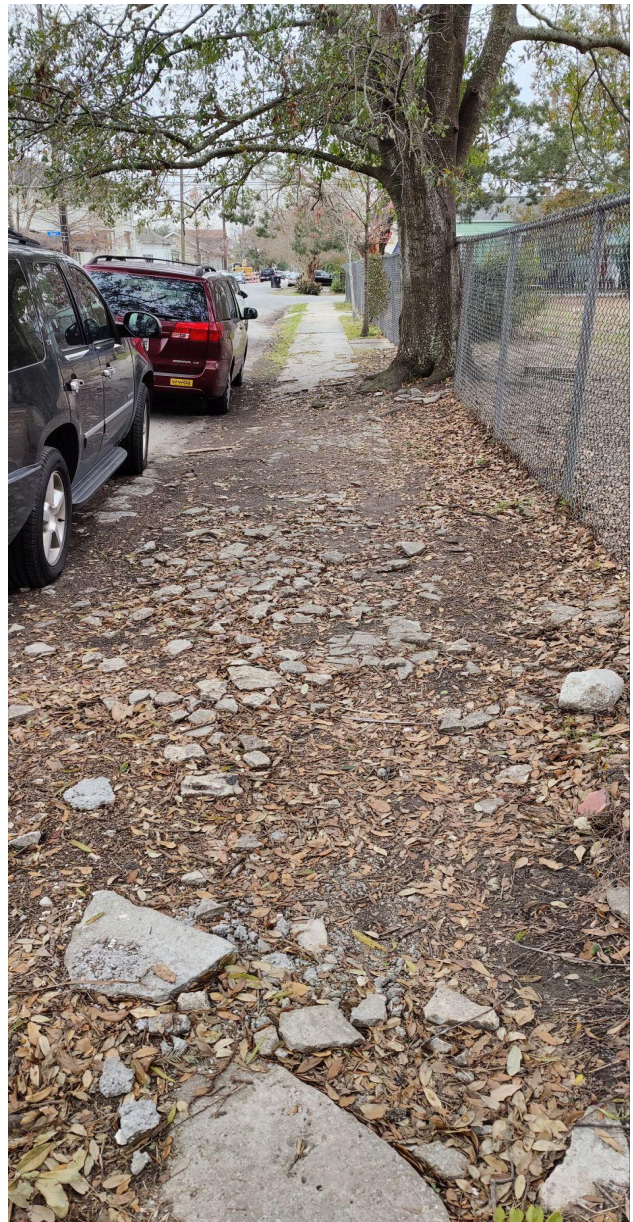
About CCA

The primary purpose of the Central Carrollton Association (CCA) is to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood we serve. We work with our city councilperson and his staff along with police, school, and other officials to address infrastructure improvements, land use issues, city ordinance violations, tree planting, eliminating blight, crime prevention, beautification, and many other activities to enhance our neighborhood.

Photos of broken, sunken, and/or flooded Green & Short St sidewalks



SHORT ST



GREEN ST.



Tag: CIVIL

Type: G2031 Pedestrian Paving & Surfacing

Condition Rating: 0

Total Project Cost: \$

Comments: Basketball court asphalt has some cracking. Seal cracks to prevent future water damage.



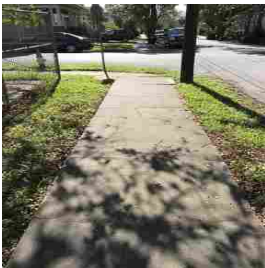
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Type: G2031 Pedestrian Paving & Surfacing

Condition Rating: NC - Accessibility

Total Project Cost: \$

Comments: Sidewalk along Short St. has sank and cracked creating tripping hazards. Ramp needs to be added at corner. Demo and replace



Tag: CIVIL**Type: G2031 Pedestrian Paving & Surfacing**

Condition Rating: 0

Total Project Cost: \$

Comments: Basketball court needs to be restriped. Restripe after it has been sealed.

**Tag: CIVIL****Type: G2031 Pedestrian Paving & Surfacing**

Condition Rating: NC - Accessibility

Total Project Cost: \$

Comments: Sidewalk along Green St. severely cracked/crumbling with tree root growth beneath concrete creating a tripping hazard. Demo and replace.

**Tag: CIVIL****Type: G2041 Fences**

Condition Rating: 10

Total Project Cost: \$

Comments: 10 FT chain link fence along the North and East boundaries of the property is in good condition. Regular maintenance will extend its lifespan.

Tag: CIVIL**Type: G2041 Fences**

Condition Rating: 1

Total Project Cost: \$

