



## 2024 PLAN UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- Identifies a 183-mile network of bikeways with 154 miles of Regional Bikeways that link together communities within St. Bernard and St. Bernard Parish to its neighboring parishes. The planned regional network includes the 14-mile Mississippi River Trail, the 26-mile 40 Arpent Trail, and other north-south connectors that link people to these major linear trails.
- The Local Network includes 29 miles of on-street bikeways to make it safer and easier to travel by bicycle to local destinations such as employment sites, shopping areas, schools, transit routes, and parks. These include signed bicycle routes, marked shared lanes, bicycle lanes, neighborhood greenways, and shoulder routes.
- The plan incorporates the Parish's Complete Streets Policy (we are 1 of only 3 Louisiana parishes with an adopted policy) which identifies 47 miles of sidewalks to be installed or improved and 56 specific pedestrian crossing improvement projects.



Family of Hikers at the MRT Violet Trailhead



Forty Arpent Trail in Arabi

(Over)

## PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

- Over \$16 million in federal, state, and private grants have been received and/or committed to date to build improvements identified in the plan.
- Approximately 100 total miles of bikeways have been constructed as of July 2025.

Bikeway Type	Approximate Miles Constructed
Multi-Use Trails	14.97 total miles including Val Riess Park (2016), Palmisano (2018), LA 39 Village Square (2023), MRT Phase I&II (2023), Forty Arpent Trail Phase I (Arabi to Violet, 2024)
Bicycle Lanes	8.50 miles
Marked Shared Lanes	22.15 miles
Neighborhood Greenways	0.30 miles
Signed Bicycle Routes	23.15 miles
Shoulder Bikeways	31.11 miles

- Under construction is the St. Bernard State Park Trail Connector slated for 2025 completion.
- The Jean Lafitte Trail along north Jean Lafitte Parkway is under construction and nearing completion including a connector to the 40 Arpent Wetlands Observatory and 40 Arpent Trail.
- Under construction are \$770,000 in new pedestrian improvements including new LA 39 sidewalks in Violet, and Paris Road crossing improvements in Chalmette.
- Engineering underway -- Additional phases of the Mississippi River Trail are in engineering for segments in Poydras, Chalmette, Braithwaite, and Meraux as well as a second Mississippi River Trailhead in Meraux. Also in engineering is the Paris Road Forty Arpent Bridge which is expected to begin construction in 2026, and the Judge Perez Enhancements Project which includes a trail along LA39 near Walmart.

A copy of the Parish's 2024 update and 2017 plan are available on our website under the *Public Information* tab and under the *Bikeways and Trails* heading ([www.sbpj.net](http://www.sbpj.net)). For further information, please contact [deborahfagannola@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahfagannola@yahoo.com)



40 Arpent Bridge Over Paris Road Coming in 2026



Paris Road Pedestrian Improvements Under Construction