

**ENGINEER'S MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
CITY OF OPELOUSAS
APRIL 2026**

MGA PROJECT NO.	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	ENGINEER'S COMMENTS
B132	Bernice Street Bridge	Bridge replacement	Bridge closed	Bridge was scheduled for replacement during channel lining project in early 2000's. Problems are due to bridge not being replaced during channel lining project and lack of proper maintenance. Erosion continues to be a problem and conditions worsen with every rain event. 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	Permitting	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.
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 recommended to City that an outside consultant be hired to assist with O&M of sewer system, as current staffing is inadequate. Proposal for outside consultant sent to City Administration. City received a Warning Letter dated March 9, 2026 from DEQ as a result of a November 25, 2025 inspection at the Candy St. WWTF. Violations are serious in nature and MGA working with City personel to develop a response to DEQ.

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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	Bid 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. Bids to be received on March 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM at City Hall.
SC251-3	Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation-Phase 3	Rehabilitation of sewer system	Design Phase - Paused	Project includes the rehabilitation of sewer system to reduce overflows and bypasses in sewer system as mandated by the EPA, DEQ, and LDH. Project funded through DEQ loan funds. Preliminary plans approximately 50% complete. Design on hold until CCTV and MH inspection work for area included in project is completed. CCTV and MH inspection work is schedule to be completed by April 2026
SC261A	Bernice Street Pump Station Upgrades	Relocation of Bernice St. Pump Station	Substantially complete	Project substantially complete. Contractor working on site work (road repairs & drainage work) and other punch list items attached to the certificate of substantial completion. 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	On Hold	Final plans to submitted to FP&C for review and approval to advertise. Funding has been delayed and is planned on being restored until July 2026. 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	FP&C Project Manager has advised that approximately \$42,000 is remaining in project. MGA was advised to have City request deobligating funds currently budgeted for ESource and re-budgeted to purchase of meters. Recommendation is to utilize remaining state funds to purchase additional meters to install during the service line replacement project (MGA Project W309-4). MGA is preparing letter for City to submit to FP&C
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 W309-9 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 and MGA provides assistance to CENLA as requested. MGA recommended to City that an outside consultant be hired to assist with O&M of water system, as current staffing is inadequate. Proposal for outside consultant sent to City Administration.

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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	Construction 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). Bids received on March 18, 2026 and low bidder is Trek, Inc. with bid being \$687,315.00. Award letter sent to City on March 24th and submitted to OCD for concurrence in award. Project will be funded through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.
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. Rehabilitation work on Well No. 8 has been substantially completed and weel is back in service. Contractor is now working on Water Well No. 1 at Med-South. 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	Bid Phase	This project incudes the replacement of existing defective galvanized steel water mains and services lines throughout the water system. Plans have been approved by LDH & OCD (Water Sector) and advertisement for bids has been published. Bids will be reqeived on April 30, 2026. Preliminary estimate of cost is \$7,761,762 and funding will be through water sector grant and LDH loan funds.

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W309-9	Replacement/Relocation of Water Mains	Relocation/Replacement of water mains currently out of service	LDH Review	This project includes the relocation/replacement of water mains currently out of service under RR and Bayou Callahan. Locations include Rice Lane, Wallior St, Planters St., Pulford St., and I-49 Service Road. Additional water mains at WPT will be added to this project by addendum. LDH comments received & comments are regarding R/w's and easements. Discussed easement acquisition with Mayor and MGA is assisting with easement requirements. City matching share of project cost to be paid through LDH loan funds.
W321	Water Main Installation - I-49 North Service Road	Installation of new water main from Comfort Inn to Lakeview Subdivision	Construction 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. Waiting on Contractor to begin construction. Start date not determined. Funding provided by CSLEDD.
WTP34	Water Treatment Facility - Upgrades & Modifications	Upgrade of existing water treatment facility	LDH Review	This project is for the rehabilitation of the existing lime softening plant on Guidry Street. Estimated cost was originally \$12,738,387, and based upon final plans the revised estimated cost is \$16,730,000, an increase of \$3,991,613. Funding will be through LDH loan funds. Plans submitted to LDH for permitting/approval in September 2025, LDH review comments received February 20th, and MGA responded to LDH comments on March 10, 2026. Waiting on LDH response. Upon receipt of approval, bid process will commence.
WTP34A	Water Treatment Facility - Temporary Bypass	Prepare LDH submittal for bypass of water treatment plant	LDH Permit issued	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	Water Sector Grant	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.