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*Bayou St. John (Flickr/Wally Gobetz).*

The Magnolia Bridge across from Cabrini High School on Bayou St. John is soon to get a facelift. Council member Susan Guidry announced at the Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association meeting on Tuesday that she has spoken with state officials responsible for the bridge about the plans.

“We spoke with the state people over that this morning, and they say that they are looking at it for final approval right now through the state, and all requests for projects are due in by Sept. 24 ,” Guidry said.

According to Guidry, the renovation project is to start in the early part of next year.

“They’re looking at a construction estimated start date of early March and a completion date of mid-June,” Guidry said.

Guidry commended neighbors that have helped move the project forward.

“For all the people who have been involved in working toward the renovation of the Magnolia Garden Bridge, you should be patting yourselves on the back,” Guidry said.

“You’ve done a world of good and hopefully we’ll be walking over a new renovated bridge in the middle of next year,” Guidry said.

Guidry also commended neighbors for the work they have done in the area following Hurricane Katrina.

“I’d just like to say that Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association has been just really stalwart throughout the recovery process,” Guidry said.

Guidry mentioned that she moved to the Faubourg St. John area three weeks before Hurricane Katrina hit and said that she noticed the neighborhood’s recovery early on.

“This neighborhood association started coming back with meetings and all very quickly and helping out in the community very quickly,” Guidry said.

Guidry mentioned the neighborhood association’s help with Stallings Playground and the fire station on Carrollton Avenue.

“It’s memories that you should be proud of,” Guidry said.