



caused by the "Temporary"  
Megabus stop on Elysian Fields Ave.  
between St. Claude  
and North Rampart

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The Megabus stop has moved to Union Passenger Terminal — thanks to all the neighbors who worked to make this happen.

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**From the Megabus website, posted Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

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#### **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**8/31/2015**

#### **MEGABUS TO BEGIN OPERATING FROM UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9, 2015**

NEW ORLEANS – Today, Mayor Mitch Landrieu announced that Megabus.com will begin operating from the Union Passenger Terminal (UPT) at 1001 Loyola Avenue on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Last month, the New Orleans Building Corporation (NOBC) and MegaBus entered into a lease agreement for the low-cost operator to move its operations to UPT.

New Orleans MegaBus offers stops in Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Gainesville, Houston, Mobile, Montgomery, Orlando, San Antonio and Tallahassee.

Statement from Mayor Landrieu:

“This is a win-win for both the people of New Orleans and MegaBus as it helps to ensure that passengers have a safe, convenient and enjoyable experience to and from New Orleans. UPT already features Amtrak, Greyhound and RTA bus and streetcar service, so this move adds another convenient transportation option for both residents and visitors. In recent years, the New Orleans Building Corporation has invested in this growing central hub and will continue doing so as our city grows.”

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**8/26/15 2:18 PM**

From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, Office of The Mayor

**This afternoon, Megabus provided notice that their UPT operational date will be September 9th.**

8/26/15 8:17 AM

From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, Office of The Mayor

**UPT’s leasing agent did meet with Megabus last Wednesday. Megabus should be bringing in their furnishings at the end of this week.**

**All other documentation has been received, for example insurance, etc.**

**It appears they are on track to commence their operations at UPT on September 1st.**

**However, the leasing agent is awaiting confirmation from them on date. They expect Megabus will confirm once upon arrival of their furniture.**

**Will keep everyone posted.**

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**8/17/15**

From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, Office of The Mayor

**The lease provides for a September 1st occupancy provided UPT’s leasing agent receives: a) proof of insurance and b)**

furnishings from Megabus. We are hopeful that occupancy can be earlier than September 1st. The leasing agent is preparing an “early occupancy” letter for Megabus that ensures the insurance they are required to carry under the lease is covered during their set up and/or early occupancy. Additionally, the leasing agent is meeting with Megabus on Wednesday to discuss the logistics of their arrival and set up of furnishings prior to their first day of operation. I hope to be able to update you again after the meeting on Wednesday.

From: Katherine Kuroczko

To: Eric Granderson; Freddie King; Noraann Winbush; Nadine M. Ramsey

**When is the Megabus bus stop moving to Union Passenger Terminal?**

**We are asking again so we can give an update at the FMIA neighborhood meeting this evening.**

**Recent communication:**

8/10 Eric Granderson said, “I’ll have to follow up with New Orleans Building Corporation for a schedule”

8/10 Question to Eric Granderson: **So when the mayor signs the paperwork we can expect the bus stop to be moved within a week?**

8/10 Eric Granderson said, **The contract has been signed by the New Orleans Business Corporation and we expect it to be signed by the mayor sometime this week.”**

**Requests for updates to Councilmember Nadine Ramsey’s office and or Freddie King, Director of Constituent Services District C, have gone unanswered since 7/30/15.**

7/30 Freddie King said, **“The City’s administration has approve the lease document language for Mega Bus. The Union Passenger Terminal move should be finalized soon.”**

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8/11/15

**WWLTV Reports: Megabus strikes deal with city after feds make drug bust**

**8/10/15**

From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, office of the Mayor

To: Katherine Kuroczko

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From: Katherine Kuroczko

To: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, office of the Mayor

**That is great news. Thank You.**

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From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs, office of the Mayor

To: Katherine Kuroczko

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**8/11/15**

Feds arrest woman for smuggling heroin on the Megabus

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**8/4/15**

**FOX 8 Defenders: N.O. Building Corp. signs lease to move Megabus operations**

Written by: Shelley Brown, Anchor

**[Fox 8 link here](#)**

A city spokesperson says the New Orleans Building Corporation has signed the lease for Megabus to move its operations to Union

Passenger Terminal on Loyola Avenue. A Megabus spokesman says the low cost carrier has also signed the contract.

For months, Megabus has been picking up and dropping off passengers near the corner of Rampart and Elysian Fields in the Marigny, and neighbors expressed concerns from added traffic and litter, to no restroom facilities.

The city says Megabus conducted a test run at Union Passenger Terminal to ensure its double decker buses could get in and out. The city and company are still working out details on possible additions, including more seating. There's been no update on when the move will be official.

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**7/31/15**

**We may be making progress.**

7/31/15

From: Eric Granderson, Director, Local Government Affairs,  
Office of the Mayor

I did follow up on this yesterday and can assure you that UPT lease negotiations between the City and Megabus have been finalized. As soon as Megabus produces its state tax clearance from the Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, we will be able to sign the contract. We do anticipate this will happen within the next seven business days.

7/30/15

From: Freddie King III, Director of Constituent Services, Office of  
Nadine M. Ramsey, Councilmember, District "C"


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The "Temporary" Megabus stop at Elysian Fields Avenue between St. Claude Avenue and North Rampart Street is causing problems in the neighborhood. People in the

area are joining together to address these problems and to push for the bus stop to be moved to a more suitable location.

**Make your voice heard and get involved**



Mega Problems caused by the "Temporary" Megabus stop on Elysee Fields Ave. between St. Claude and North Rampart

Megabus is ignoring the needs of their customers the City is ignoring the neighborhood

**Mega Problems**

- No shelter for customers from the elements
- No public restrooms for customers
- No accommodations for elderly & persons with disabilities
- Increased neighborhood noise and trash
- Less residential parking
- Increased panhandling in the neighborhood
- Increased traffic
- Blocking of public streets & sidewalks
- Cars double parked
- Dangerous traffic patterns for truck turns
- Suspected increase in drug paraphernalia and activity
- Increased quality-of-life issues for a residential neighborhood

The City has not responded clearly to our request to move this bus stop to a more suitable location.

**SOLUTION: MEGABUS BELONGS AND SHOULD OPERATE AT THE UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL!**

**Make your voice heard and get involved!**

Contact us  
[megaproblem2015@gmail.com](mailto:megaproblem2015@gmail.com)  
More information at [megaproblem.com](http://megaproblem.com)

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If you witness any of these mega problems or others, **TAKE PHOTOS, TAKE NOTES** (time, location, etc) and send to us at [megaproblem2015@gmail.com](mailto:megaproblem2015@gmail.com).

Watch this site for more updates.

