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ROBERT E. LEE STATUE REMOVED FROM PEDESTAL IN LEE CIRCLE

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The Robert E. Lee statue is being moved to Lee Circle in New Orleans on Friday. The statue is the last of four statues voted in 2015 by the New Orleans City Council to be removed in December 2019.

After biking over the downtown portion of New Orleans for 13 years from atop a 44-foot column in the Plaza of the Americas, the statue has been moved to its new location. The statue was unveiled in 1971 and was dedicated to Confederate soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War.

The statue was originally located in Lee Circle, New Orleans, but was moved to its current location in 1971. The new location is near the Liberty Place monument.

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Those precautions were necessary, city officials said, to protect workers and pedestrians who had received death threats.

By contrast, the Lee statue was taken down in a flash for maintenance, and the removal was supervised by armed guards.

The statue was removed by crane, and the ground was vacated by crews who cleared the area of debris.

The removal was not without incident, however. One protester was arrested for blocking the crane's path, and several others were removed from the area.

The statue was moved to its new location in Lee Circle, where it will remain for the foreseeable future.

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A statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee is removed from Lee Circle on Friday in New Orleans. Lee's was the last of four monuments to Confederate-era figures to be removed under a 2015 city council vote on a proposal by Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

While some saw the move as a step forward in the city's history, others were concerned about its impact on the city's cultural heritage.

The statue was one of four removed by the city in 2015, the others being to the Lee family, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. The statues were removed to make way for a new Lee Circle, which would be named after former mayor Ray Nagin.

The new statue will be unveiled in 2020, and will be located near the Liberty Place monument.

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In recent years, the effort to remove symbols of slavery and segregation has been growing in New Orleans, including a proposed monument to Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

The statue has been a target of protests and vandalism, and has been the subject of a legal battle.

In 2015, the New Orleans City Council voted to remove the statue, citing its negative impact on the city's history.

The statue was removed in 2016, and is currently being stored in a secure location.

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