



Q & A

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING NEIGHBORHOOD STREET RECONSTRUCTION No. 460 (ASHLAND ST.)

**Please note that we have recorded all questions. For the purpose of this posting some of the general questions were consolidated due to the common response.*

Community Inquires/Comments/Questions	COH Response
How long are water outages anticipated to last?	Residences will still have water services, and at some point, the water services will be transferred over. Residences will be notified within 72 hours prior by the contractors. Depending on the type of work it may take between one to six hours.
What does a trenchless project mean?	During waterline construction the trenchless method would be used. This method requires the contractor to construct a pit to tunnel under ground, so there is not a complete open trench going down the street while installing the underground utilities. An open cut method will be used during installation of Storm boxes.
What will the impact to street drainage be as a result to the construction?	Improved drainage
How far from the sidewalk will construction take place.	For most of the properties in the area, the City of Houston project right-of-way will extend about 2 feet into the property from back of sidewalk. However, storm sewer and sanitary sewer line replacement will leave some residents with open excavations in their yards at times. As a result of this and related Capital Improvement Projects, the City and the contractors are granted full access into this right-of-way.
Following the project, will the houses have the unpaved parking spots available or is the street being widened and will it remove those parking spots?	Because the streets are being widen those parking spots will not be available. However, there will be curb side parking.
Will my business be able to receive deliveries during construction? (Including 18 wheelers)	Access to businesses are maintained. However, it is advised that business owners coordinate with contractors on when they get deliveries.
What should residences anticipate with the noise levels?	Normal noise levels considering construction is taking place.
Given that some of the construction will impact access on Ashland. Will the City consider opening alley access? In particularly the alley between Ashland and two lanes between the cross streets of 11th and 10th?	No, because it is not part of the project. However, there will be temporary drive ways.
Will the new storm sewers have greater capacity than the existing trenches?	Yes, the contractors have done the hydraulic analysis as part of the project and the repairs always increases service.
Does this project convert current open drainage to main drainage or underground drainage?	It will be a combination of all of them.
How much wider will the street be from the current width? (And if it is unknown). What is the planned width? What is the planned curb height?	The width of the street will be a uniformed 27 foot wide street and the height of the curb is going to be six inches.
Approximately how long can residences expect to have their driveways blocked?	Approximately seven days.
What is the main purpose and driver behind the repaving and widening?	This was part of the old Neighborhood Street Reconstruction (NSR) program that allowed the residents in a neighborhood to petition and request that their street be reconstructed.
I saw there would be a tree impact, which tree(s) will be removed?	The tree impact will only be the trees within the right of way that might impede construction. All other would be protected during construction.
I have a dedicated pull in parking spot/driveway in front of my house, will this be considered a driveway? If not, why? Can it be changed?	The dedicated parking spot would not be considered a driveway.
Following the project, will the houses have the unpaved parking spots available or is the street being widened and will it remove those parking spots?	The parking spots will be removed do to the street widened.
Will any no parking signs be added to the street after construction is complete?	None will be installed as part of this project.