

2021 Street Reconstruction Program – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the details of this project?

There are a total of (4) streets in this project: **Brandon Road** (Ridgeview Rd. to Zollinger Rd.), **Guilford Road** (Coventry Rd. to Northwest Blvd.), **Somerford Road** (Zollinger Rd. to Ridgecliff Rd.) and **Vassar Place** (Northam Rd. to Harlton Ct). Each of these streets will be receiving new curb and gutter, new driveway aprons and new asphalt pavement. This construction project is expected to cost around \$1.56 million. The design work was done in-house by the Engineering Division staff.

How long will the project last?

We expect construction to start on Monday, May 24, 2021 this year and be completed by the end of October this year. Right now, the contractor is planning to start work on Somerford Road. We will be getting Focus On notices out to the residents on each street with more exact dates as we get them.

Who will be doing the reconstruction work?

Decker Construction is the general contractor for the project and they will be coordinating all of the work to be done by them and their subcontractors. Decker Construction has done numerous other projects for the City over the last 10 years.

Who do I call if I have questions/concerns during the reconstruction project?

Roberta Barkhimer will be the UA project representative throughout the project. She will be on-site all day, every day that the contractor is working and she can be reached on her cell number at 614-560-7218 or rbarkhimer@uaoh.net. If for some reason you cannot get in touch with Roberta, you can always call the Engineering Division secretary at 614-583-5360 who will make sure that someone gets back with you as soon as possible.

Will traffic be maintained on our street during the project?

Yes, the roadway will be open to residents living within the construction area (only). However, during certain phases of the work, access to the roadway will be closed to everyone to allow the new roadway to cure. You will receive more details for your particular street as we get closer to each phase of work.

If I live on a street within the reconstruction area, will I have access to my driveway throughout the project?

No, there will be several times during the project that you will not be able to get into your driveway. The longest time will be when the concrete curb and apron at your driveway entrance is installed and needs to cure for up to 7 days. During this period, you will have to find parking on one of the adjacent side streets. Many residents on past projects have parked on the nearest street behind their house so they could walk through their backyard (and the neighbor's backyard) to get to their vehicles. If you have disabilities that prevent you from walking to an adjacent street, we will work with you to make other accommodations. When possible, we will allow parking in front of your home within the construction zone (like on weekends or in the evenings).

Will I be losing trees that are along the roadway in front of my house?

Possibly, if the City Forester determines that a tree has been damaged too badly to be left, it will be removed. All other trees will be monitored by the City Forester during the reconstruction project. Any trees removed during this project will be replaced with a tree based on the recommendations of the City Forester.

How much of my driveway will have to be removed and replaced in conjunction with this project?

A minimum of 5 feet behind the new curb will have to be removed to allow the new roadway to be built. Some driveways may have more than 5 feet removed to make sure that the slopes of the new driveways are not too steep.

If I have existing sidewalk or driveway that needs to be replaced, can I get the contractor to do the work for a good price?

Unfortunately, no. The contractor has told us that he is so busy already that he will not be able to give quotes to do any extra work this year. We can give you the name of some other contractors working in UA this summer if you want them.

Will new street lights be installed in conjunction with the roadway reconstruction project?

No.



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What if I am planning on having a graduation or wedding party at my home during this reconstruction project?

We have this same scenario every year on almost every reconstruction project. If you can hold the party elsewhere, it is best to avoid the reconstruction work and parking problems during the project. However, if you must host the party at your home we will do our best to make alternate arrangements for parking for your attendees.

What are the anticipated work hours during construction?

The contractor is only allowed to work between the hours of 7:30 am and 7pm on Monday through Saturday.

Will there be any utility outages during this project?

No, we do not anticipate any interruption with your water, gas, or electric service. If you do experience an outage, call us and we will investigate whether it is related to our construction work.

Can I get a copy of the construction plan showing the proposed work to be done in front of my property?

Yes, please let us know and we will make sure that you get a copy. If you give us your email address, we can send you an electronic copy.

How will the City keep the residents informed about the work progress and impacts?

The Engineering Division will be issuing occasional Focus-On notices (similar to the recent invitation to the public meeting) throughout the project to keep residents informed. In addition, you can contact the City's project representative at any time during the project.

Will this construction work affect trash pickup, deliveries, bus routes or emergency service like police and fire?

No, your trash date will remain exactly the same. Also, the roadway will be maintained for deliveries, bus traffic and emergency vehicles at all times. The UA police and fire crews know that they can drive through the construction zone at any time of day or night to access your property.

Will the roadway be widened and will there be any changes to the current roadway?

No, the roadway width and traffic patterns will remain the same as before reconstruction.

Do I need to do anything to my home/property to prepare for this project?

No, however, now would be a good time to consider doing any driveway or roof drain replacement work that you may have been putting off. Since you will be getting a new partial driveway and roof drain connection, you may want to replace the remaining portion of these between the roadway and your home. You are welcome to talk with the City's contractor about a price quote to do the work or you can hire your own contractor to match up with the work to be done.

Will my underground sprinkler system or dog fence near the road be damaged?

Yes, if these systems are within the right-of-way. We will be making repairs to these systems (at City expense) after the roadway work is completed. However, if you want to maintain these systems throughout the construction project you will need to make arrangements (at your own cost) to have the sprinklers moved to a point outside of the right-of-way. Look at the construction plans to see what work is to be done in front of your property.

Will my landscaping near the road be disturbed?

Yes, if the landscaping is within the road right-of-way. You can remove any landscaping that you want to keep prior to construction and replace it after construction. However, any landscaping in the right-of-way that is removed by the construction contractor will not be replaced. Look at the construction plans to see what work is to be done in front of your property.

Will there be a lot of noise and dust during the construction project?

Unfortunately, yes. However, we will do everything possible to minimize the impact of these. We will be using water and chemicals to hold down the dust but if we have an unusually dry summer like in years past there isn't much that can be done.

COVID-19 Impacts and Updates?

As you are aware, public policies and protocols are changing daily due to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. For this reason, we ask residents to provide their email address to us and/or continue to check the City's website for updates on this project. The Contractor and subcontractors for this project have been instructed to maintain the current social distancing guidelines that are in effect. If you have any questions please contact us for further clarification.

