

Northwest Boulevard Improvements, Phase 2 – Frequently Asked Questions

What is this project?

The Northwest Boulevard Improvements, Phase 2 project will improve Northwest Boulevard between Barrington Road and North Star Road while also addressing stormwater concerns along the corridor. As part of the 2021 City Capital Improvement Program, this section of Northwest Boulevard is slated for street reconstruction / resurfacing, new curb and gutter, new drive approaches and improvements to the storm sewer system.

Why is Upper Arlington performing this project?

Northwest Boulevard has a history of stormwater related issues. This project, in conjunction with last year's Northwest Boulevard Improvements addresses these stormwater concerns by increasing the capacity of the underground storm system. The Northwest Boulevard roadway is also showing deterioration and the proposed roadway reconstruction will address those issues.

When will the Northwest Boulevard Improvements project occur?

The project is anticipated to begin the week of July 6th. The project should be completed in the Spring of 2022.

Who will be performing the work?

Double Z Construction Company will be performing the work for this project.

What are the anticipated work hours during construction?

The contractor will be permitted to work between the hours of 7:30 am and 7:00 pm on Monday through Saturday.

Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns during the construction of the improvements?

Paul Selegue will be the Upper Arlington project representative on-site throughout the project. He can be reached on his cell phone at 614-519-1789 or by email at pselegue@uaoh.net. Please introduce yourself to him since you will be seeing a lot of him during the next several months. If for some reason you cannot get in contact with Paul, you can always call the Engineering Division's management assistant at 614-583-5360 who will make sure that someone gets in contact with you or contact Sebastian French by email at sfrench@uaoh.net.

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

The Engineering Division will be issuing occasional Focus-On notices / letters throughout the project to keep residents informed and you are always welcome to contact the City's project representative at any time during the project.

In an effort to improve efficiency and reach property owners quicker, we are also recommending you send us your email address for future updates on this project. Please send your preferred email address to Mandi DiSanto, at adisanto@uaoh.net, with the subject line, "Northwest Boulevard Improvements, Phase 2 Updates".

If you do not have an email address, please continue to check the City's website, upperarlingtonoh.gov, for project updates.

Will the roadway be closed during construction?

Traffic on Northwest will be maintained during the project by a combination of lane closures and detours depending on the work activity. Temporary closures may also occur at intersections to permit construction within the intersection. The contractor will provide advance notifications and proper detours for these closures.

Will residents have access to their driveways during construction?

Residents will have access to their properties during the majority of construction. The exception is if a storm sewer is being installed directly in front of the resident's driveway or when the concrete curb and apron at your driveway entrance is installed and needs to cure for up to 7 days. During these periods, you will have to find parking on one of the adjacent side streets. If you have disabilities that prevent you from walking to an adjacent street, we will work with you to make other accommodations.

How much of my driveway will be removed and replaced with this project?

Driveway replacement will occur from the curb and gutter to the back of the sidewalk for all drive approaches. Occasionally, the contractor may have to replace a small section of driveway behind the sidewalk in order to construct a clean tie-in point.



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Outside of the driveway replacement, how much of my property will be disturbed during construction?

Property disturbance will occur only to install the new curb and gutters, drive approaches and curb ramps. In addition, all land disturbances will occur within the Northwest Boulevard's right-of-way. As with all projects, the City and its' contractor will be responsible for restoring the area following construction. We encourage you to look at the construction plans for a better understanding of the land disturbance at your property.

Can I get a copy of the construction plans showing the proposed work in front of my property?

Yes, just ask and we will make sure you get a copy. If you give us your email address, we will send you an electronic copy.

Will any pedestrian enhancements included with this project?

Yes, several curb ramps are being improved as part of this project as well a new pedestrian crossing with rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFB) is being installed immediately south of the Northwest Boulevard / Waltham Road intersection. The installation of RRFBs will enhance safety by increasing driver awareness of pedestrians crossing Northwest Boulevard.

Are there any planned utility outages during this project?

No planned utility outages are scheduled with this project. If you do experience an outage, please notify the City and we will investigate the cause of the outage.

Do residents need to do anything in preparation 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 drive approach 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 awarded City 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 the proposed work disturb or damage the resident's underground sprinkler system or dog fence located near the roadway?

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.

If I have landscaping near the road, will this be disturbed during construction?

Yes, if there is landscaping within the road right-of-way, it will likely be removed by the construction contractor and will not be replaced. Prior to construction commencing, you can remove any landscaping that you want to keep and replace it after construction is completed.

Will the 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 Upper Arlington police and fire will be aware of the project and that they can drive through the construction zone at any time to access your property.

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

Unfortunately yes, noise and dust is a byproduct of construction and it can't be eliminated. However, we will do everything possible to minimize the impact of both. We will be using water to hold down the dust but if the weather is dry for an extended period, it becomes difficult to control the dust.

What if I am planning on having a graduation or wedding party at my home during this improvement 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.

