

2022 Wakefield Forest and North Star Road Sidewalk Projects – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the details of this project?

This project includes the installation of a 5-foot sidewalk along the North side of **Trentwood Road** between Northwest Boulevard and North Star Road, a 5-foot sidewalk along the West side of **Mt. Holyoke Road** between Zollinger Road and Fishinger Road, and a 5-foot sidewalk along the West side of **North Star Road** between Zollinger Road and Fishinger Road. New driveway aprons will be included in this project on properties that have new sidewalk installed through existing drives. This construction project is expected to cost around \$630,000. The design work was performed by CESO, Inc.

How were the sidewalk locations determined?

In this case both sides of the road were viable for sidewalk installation. Based on the records the City had, the north and west sides were chosen due to it appearing that more space was available and would accommodate a 5-ft treelawn and 5-ft sidewalk. CESO, Inc. surveyed for design and informed the City that the ROW available is actually equal on both sides of the road. This results in being able to install a 5-ft sidewalk with a 3.5-ft treelawn.

We understand that there are varying opinions on which side of the road the sidewalk should be installed, as well as the fact that there are positives and negatives to either option. Taking all this into account, as well as the fact that design money had been spent to move the project forward, the City determined to move forward with the installations on the sides referenced in the previous question.

If the residents still desire to install sidewalk on the other side as well, the City does have a petition process for sidewalk installation that can be completed by the residents. In this process the resident's petition and then pay for the sidewalk installation.

Will the City be working to slow down and mitigate cut through traffic?

The second phase of the Wakefield Forest improvements will focus on traffic calming measures and is currently planned for a separate project in 2023. Items being considered for this project include analyzing further restrictions at the intersection of Trentwood and Northwest Boulevard as well as a roundabout at Trentwood and Mt. Holyoke, and various other traffic control amenities. Additional meetings will be held to keep the community in the loop as this project moves forward including another virtual public meeting that will occur in late summer 2022.

Will there be a pedestrian crossing at Fishinger Road or Northwest Boulevard?

Pedestrian crossings of Fishinger Road and Northwest Boulevard are part of the scope of this project. The City is working with CESO, Inc. to determine what safety measures are needed for a crossing at Trentwood Road and Northwest Boulevard and on Fishinger at either Mt. Holyoke or North Star Road. These measures will be shared at the virtual public meeting.

When was the 1-year pilot study done for this sidewalk?

The pilot study that was done in reference to this project was to study the westbound one way that was installed on Trentwood Road between Northwest Boulevard and Brandon Road, not to study the sidewalk itself. The City does not perform pilot studies for sidewalks. The pilot of the one way was to determine if the one way would improve traffic flow through the neighborhood as well as determine if sidewalks were still desirable following this conversion. After seeing the impacts of the one way conversion, and hearing input from residents, it was determined to move forward with the installation of sidewalk on Trentwood Road in 2022.

How long will the project last?

We expect construction to start late-summer of 2022 and be completed by the end of October this year. We will deliver Focus On notices to the residents on each street with more exact dates as we get them.

Who will be doing the construction work?

The contractor will be determined when the City bids out the Wakefield Improvements Project. The bid opening is expected to be in late summer of 2022.

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

Esai Garcia will be the UA project representative throughout the project. He can be reached on his cell number at 614-735-7671 or egarcia@uaoh.net. If you cannot get in touch with Esai, you can call the Project Manager, Chad Ritzler, at 614-406-8381 or email at critzler@uaoh.net.

Will traffic be maintained on our street during the project?

Yes, the roadway will be open to residents living within the construction area throughout the project.

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

There will be times during the project that you will not be able to get into, or out of your driveway. This will be when the concrete curb and apron at your



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driveway entrance is installed and needs to cure for up to 7 days. During this period, you will have to find parking on the street. When possible, we will allow parking in front of your home within the construction zone.

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

While some trees do need to be removed to accommodate the installation of the 5-foot sidewalk, any tree that is removed will be replaced with another tree based on the recommendation of the City Forester. All other trees will be monitored by the City Forester during the reconstruction project to ensure the tree will not be negatively impacted by the construction. Please contact us if you would like to look at the plans to see if any tree replacements are proposed at your property.

Will my yard be restored as part of this construction project?

The contractor will be required to topsoil and seed all disturbed areas of your lawn as part of this project.

If my driveway is being replaced, how much will have to be removed and replaced in conjunction with this project?

A minimum of 8.5 feet (3.5-foot apron & 5 foot-walk) behind the new curb will have to be removed to allow the new roadway to be built. Some driveways may have more than 8.5 feet removed and replaced to ensure that the slopes of the new driveways are not too steep.

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

Once the project has been bid, and we have a contractor on board, property owners are free to contact the contractor to discuss this option. Some contractors are willing to perform private work for residents, while others choose not to do any extra work.

What are the anticipated work hours during construction?

The contractor is only allowed to work between the hours of 7:30 am and 7:00 pm 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 issue Focus-On notices (similar to the recent invitation to the public meeting) throughout the project to keep residents informed as needed. 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 there be any changes to the current roadway?

The current sidewalk project does not include changes to the roadway, but the installation of traffic calming measures are currently planned for a separate project in 2023. A public meeting will be provided for this at a later date.

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 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 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 or dog fence 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 or within construction limits the landscaping may be impacted. 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. Water could be used to minimize dust, but this is typically not required on a sidewalk project due to the minimal amount of disturbance.