

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES WESTFIELD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PENHURST STREET CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT

DATE: August 24, 2010
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Lincoln Park School No. 44 (820 Chili Ave)
ATTENDEES: See Attached List

The purpose of the meeting was to present design plans of the proposed street improvements for

Westfield St. (Brooks Ave to Chili Ave)
Penhurst St. (Westfield St to Genesee Park Blvd)

The attached meeting agenda was provided for all attendees.

The preliminary design meeting was held at this time to inform the residents of the scope of the City's project and to inform them of the utility work which is getting underway in advance of the reconstruction project. Monroe County Pure Waters and RG&E will be reconstructing most of their facilities this fall prior to the start of roadway construction in the spring of 2011.

After introductions Frank Bonn opened the meeting by describing the proposed schedule of utility work to be done and then the scope of the City's reconstruction project. Kevin Quinn of Monroe County Pure Waters briefly described the scope of sewer work to be done by the counties contractor, and then answered questions specific to the sewer work. Mr. Bonn then described the scope and schedule of the reconstruction work to be done under the City's contract. Mr. Bonn also explained that the project had been put on hold several years ago to allow utilities and agencies to build up funds for the reconstruction of their facilities in advance of the City's project. The project includes the reconstruction of Westfield Street including new water services, hydrant upgrades and installation of a cathodic protection system to the watermains, reconstruction of the pavement, new curbs, driveway aprons, replacement of sidewalks, replacement of catch basins, topsoil, seed, and the addition of speed humps. Additionally curb replacement on Penhurst Street will include installation of new curbs, replacement of most sidewalks, new driveway aprons and topsoil and seed.

The meeting was opened for any questions, comments, and/or concerns.

Q. #338. There is currently a double wide driveway apron to my driveway. Will it be replaced with the same width apron?

A. Currently the proposed apron is 12' wide. The zoning office will be reviewing all driveway widths for conformance with current city codes.

Q. #338. There is a electrical handhole in the apron. Will it be replaced/repaired?

A. We will review with RG&E. (Proposed RG&E plans were reviewed, the plans show the handhole being relocated into the sidewalk approximately 5' to the north of the present location.)

Q. #141. Will the catch basin in front of my driveway to be replaced?

A. It will be removed, the new drain will be in another location.

Q. Will the gas main be replacement on only one side of the road?

A. Yes the gas main only runs on one side of the road, However gas services to the houses run off the main to both sides of the road. Gas services will be replaced or connected to the new main based on condition.

Q. Will the sewer work help with drainage issues?

A. Yes, the new PVC pipe which is being placed by MCPW will convey storm water better. The City's road contract will improve pavement slopes and install new larger CB's to convey storm water to the sewer.

Q. What is a CB?

A. A drainage inlet to the sewer which is in the road alongside the curb.

Q. Are the sewers being replaced sanitary or storm sewers?

A. The sewer is a combined sewer (both storm and sanitary) and it will remain so.

Q. #466. Is the Water Curb Box in my yard being replaced?

A. Yes.

Q. Will the street be widened?

A. No, the road is currently 24' wide which is typical for residential streets. There is no good reason to widen the street and widening would result in most of the mature trees being removed, as well as less separation between traffic and pedestrians.

Q. Will the city install additional trees as part of the project?

A. Trees will not be installed as part of the roadway contract. There are planting sites designated by City Forestry shown on the plans to reserve those locations for future tree placement. Typically when Forestry decides to plant new trees they leave a card informing the property owner/resident that a tree will be planted in front of the property.

Q. Who should responded to a notice from forestry that a tree will be planted in the tree lawn, if they want a certain type of tree to be planted?

A. Either the landlord or resident may reply.

Q. #439. Is the Water Curb Box in my yard being replaced?

A. No.

Q. How far into the front yards will construction impact? We have landscaping approximately 8' behind the sidewalk.

A. construction typically extends 2'-4' behind the sidewalk. Existing vegetation 8' from sidewalk should not be impacted.

Q. How long will the street construction last?

A. that depends upon the contractor, but we are anticipating the entire 2011 construction season.

Q. Will the construction schedule be impacted by weather?

A. Yes, a late spring or a very wet summer can cause delays in the project completion.

Q. Will the speed humps be similar to the ones on Kingsboro Road?

A. Yes.

Q. Can stop signs be added at several intersections for traffic calming?

A. Adding unwarranted stop signs is ineffective and will create safety issues. Unwarranted stop signs also give pedestrians a false sense of security.

Q. Will there be a webpage for the project.

A. The webpage is not set up yet. We anticipate having information up by the end of September.

Q. #141. Suggested adding seasonal traffic calming devices such as blocking road/diverting traffic down side streets and over to GPB during the summer months. For example a rolling road block at Penhurst Street which could be rolled out of the way by the police.

A. We will review with RPD and MCDOT.

Q. #141. What will the traffic control during construction consist of?

A. The contractor will set up "Road Closed – Local Traffic Only" signs to divert traffic, local traffic within the work area on any given day will be controlled by flaggers.

Q. #285. What about unprofessional behavior, who do we call?

A. Report any questionable activities to the Resident Engineer or Project Manager.

Q. #285. Would it be possible to add "Children at Play" signs @ Rosalind?

A. We will review with MCDOT. (MCDOT responded that due to the nature of the street drivers should expect to encounter children on the street, and they would not normally place the signs on a residential street.)

Q. Could driver feedback signs be set up temporarily during construction? (Similar to what is now on GPB.)

A. Driver feedback signs are not proposed at this time. We will review with MCDOT.

Q. #355. Will there be any additive to the asphalt to lessen icing?

A. None are anticipated. The new pavement and better drainage should reduce icing.

Q. Should I go ahead with repaving my driveway in the spring of 2011?

A. The resident was advised against repaving his driveway during construction the driveway apron will be removed and a section of the driveway will have to be removed to place the new sidewalk.

Q. Will there be a problem connecting to a cast iron sewer lateral pipe?

A. Probably not (Kevin Quinn).

Q. #355. Can you move the CB from within my driveway apron area?

A. We will review and move if possible. (Will relocate the CB several feet to the north if possible, there is a water service to #351 which may prevent moving the CB totally out of the driveway apron.)

Q. What is the status of Red Roof Inn project on Brooks Avenue? Construction was halted.

A. We don't know. Construction could be halted due to state of the economy.

Q. #286. There is a proposed speed hump shown in front of my house, can you move the proposed speed humps?

A. We will review the locations, however the spacing is fairly tight in order to allow for nine speed humps to be placed on Westfield Street.

Q. There appears to be a leak in the Hydrant/ hydrant valve in front of #264.

A. We will report to it to the Water Bureau for investigation.

There were no further questions, comments, or concerns. The meeting was adjourned; City Engineering and MCPW staff met with individual property owners to answer any question specific to the individual's property.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Bonn
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