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West Avenue Neighborhood Improvement Project Phase I

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this project?

The purpose of the project is to install pump stations and increase the elevation of the roadway in order to minimize street flooding.

Who is building this project?

The City of Miami Beach Public Works Department is overseeing the West Avenue Neighborhood Improvement Project Phase I. Bergeron Land Development has been contracted to perform the work.

Where will this project take place?

As part of this project, construction will be under way in the following areas:

- 17 Street between Alton Road and West Avenue
- West Avenue between Lincoln Road and 17 Street
- 14 Street and 10 Street between Alton Road and the Bay
- West Avenue between 5 Street and 8 Street
- 6 Street between Alton Road and West Avenue

What work does the project include?

This project includes the following scope of work:

Infrastructure Improvements:

- Installing a new storm water drainage system, including pump stations at 17 Street and 6 Street
- (The new pump stations at 10 Street and 14 Street are already in service)
- Upsizing sections of the existing storm water drainage system
- Installing a new sanitary sewer main
- Installing a new water main and service lines

Roadway Improvements:

- Elevating the roadway
- Constructing new curb, gutter and sidewalks
- Installing new signage and pavement markings
- Installing new street lighting and performing minor signalization work
- Matching the new roadway elevation to existing driveways and walkways with an asphalt transition

How long will the project take?

The work within the first phase of construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

A second phase of work has also been identified, which includes West Avenue between 8 Street and Lincoln Road. This project is still in the planning phase and anticipated to begin construction in 2016.

There is also a separate West Avenue Bridge Project at Dade Boulevard, which is currently in the design phase. This project is expected to begin construction in 2016.

Please note these schedules may change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

How will residents, business owners and visitors benefit from this project?

- The project will install a total of four pump stations within the West Avenue neighborhood to help drain storm water runoff and prevent water from reentering the system during high tides.
- Raising the roadway and sidewalks is another component in the City's plan to adjust to sea level rise.
- New underground infrastructure will replace the existing, aging lines and minimize chances of future water main breaks and interruptions in service.
- New asphalt and sidewalks along West Avenue will provide a smoother riding surface for motorists and a clear path for pedestrians.
- A continuous bicycle path will be provided for bicyclists.

How much will the project cost?

The estimated cost of the project is $30 million.

Why are the design and construction phases combined for this project?

Design-build is a construction project delivery system where the design and construction aspects are contracted with a single entity known as the design-builder or design-build contractor. The design-builder is usually the general contractor, but in many cases, they enlist a design professional (architect or engineer) to become part of the team and prepare the design plans. This method is used to reduce the delivery schedule by overlapping the design phase and construction phase of a project.

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How will construction affect access to and from my property?

The City and contractor strive to maintain access to businesses and residences at all times. There are occasions when it is necessary to temporarily close a driveway to perform project-related work. Whenever this is necessary, the project team makes every effort to coordinate with the property owner in advance to minimize impacts. Signage and/or barricades will also be used as needed to help identify the location of businesses and driveways, as well as to mark lane closures and detours.

What kinds of impacts can I expect during construction?

The City and contractor work hard to minimize all project-related impacts, but you might experience one or more of the following during construction: increased dust, additional noise, reduced speed limits, temporary detours and/or lane closures, temporary sidewalk closures and pedestrian detours, heavy machinery and equipment moving in and around the construction zone, flagmen directing motorists around construction activity, and project personnel moving in and around the project area.

Will I be compensated for loss of business during construction?

The City does not provide monetary compensation to businesses within the construction zone. We do, however, take measures to minimize any construction-related impacts. The team strives to maintain access at all times and provide business operators with timely information about construction activities that might affect them.

What do I do if construction appears to have caused damage to my private property?

The contractor is responsible to repair or restore any private property that is damaged in the course of construction. If you can locate a representative of the company, ask to speak with the superintendent. Inform them of your claim and they will provide you with information on how to contact their insurance provider. If you are unsuccessful at locating the proper member of the contracting team, please contact the Construction Public Information Liaison Heather M. Leslie at (305) 905-5876. Ms. Leslie will put you in touch with the proper contractor representative. The City cannot act as a mediator. It is important that you make contact with the right contractor representative so that your claim can be handled through the proper channels.

How were improvements in my neighborhood identified?

Improvements on West Avenue in particular are part of the City's desire to raise the elevation of the roadway and sidewalks and install additional pump stations citywide in order to combat the rising sea level.

Will work be necessary within my property as part of the project?

There will be instances where the contractor will have to enter private property in order to match the level of the new roadway/sidewalk to the existing properties or harmonize the surfaces. Meetings are being conducted with the individual properties to discuss these specific needs.

Will special features be restored as part of harmonization work on private property?

Special site features on properties if impacted will be restored/replaced using standard construction materials. The City will work with owners on restoration finishes. City staff is in the process of meeting with representative from the properties to discuss restoration of special features and determine responsibilities for restoration.

Will the traffic signal timing on West Avenue be adjusted to accommodate different traffic patterns?

The City will coordinate with Miami-Dade County the optimization of the traffic signal timing. The County is the responsible agency for all traffic signals.

Is a bicycle lane included as part of this project? If so, how far does it extend?

According to the current improvement plans proposed bicycle paths are continuous along both sides of West Avenue between 6 Street and 17 Street.

Is on-street parking expected to be impacted as part of this project?

Yes. In order to accommodate the bicycle lane, sections of on-street parking will be permanently removed throughout the corridor.

On-street parking will also be impacted on a temporary basis during construction. Please adhere to No Parking signs that may be posted on the roadway.

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Does this project include landscaping improvements?

This phase of work will replace landscaping similar to what was existing, but in conformance with the new layout of the street.

Does this project include a continuous connection of the Baywalk to the South of Fifth neighborhood?

The continuous walkway to the South of Fifth neighborhood is not part of this plan.

Does this project include rebuilding the Alton Court alley?

This project includes work on a small section of the alley, just north of 17 Street. Otherwise, the alley will be improved as part of a separate project.

What if I see vehicles blocking the alley?

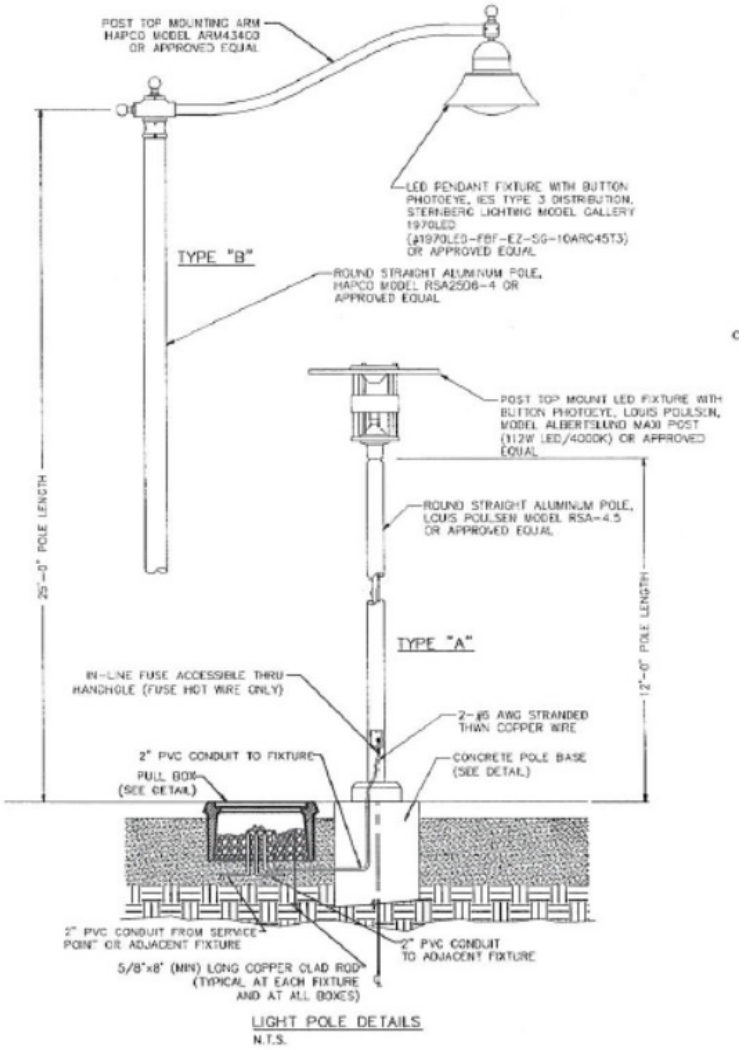
Please call the City's Parking Enforcement Unit (305-604-CITY) or the Police Department's non-emergency telephone number (305-673-7901). The alley remains a City street where through traffic and deliveries are allowed. The Police Department is working with the Parking Authority to assist in enforcing the laws.

What type of street lighting will be installed as part of this project?

Two types of street lighting will be used:

TYPE "A" - Post Top Mount LED Fixture with button photoeye, Louis Poulsen, Model Albertslund Maxi Post (112W LED/4000K). 12' round straight aluminum pole, Louis Poulsen, Model RSA-4.5 or equal.

TYPE "B" – LED Pendant Fixture with button photoeye, IES Type 3 distribution, Sternberg Lighting Model Gallery 1970LED. 25' round straight aluminum pole, HAPCO model No. RCA25D6-4 or equal.



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