

Public Response for Project

Virtual Open House Zoom Meeting - Questions & Comments (2/2/21)

Item #	Question	Response
1	Is it possible when the new infrastructure goes in, to place a speed bump or two on Maple St.? Some cars drive way too fast!	Speed bumps could be considered and have been considered in the past but there currently aren't any in Excelsior. Please always let the City know when you have a complaint of motorists speeding on local roadways, we let the police department know so they can make decisions on enforcement.
2	Is there a plan in place to preserve the boulevard trees?	Yes, it is not the intention of the project to clear-cut all trees. Trees are removed when needed to construct the improvements or if they are in poor condition or have a propensity to carry problems (Ash trees). Because this project proposes to replace watermain, several portions of sanitary sewer, the sidewalk, and concrete curb and gutter, likely several trees will be impacted by construction.
3	We have no curbs now -- will new driveway curb cuts match current driveway locations or survey lot lines? (we have situations that have deviated a bit over 60+ years); 2) will property owners be assessed?	Yes, driveway curb cuts will match the location of existing driveways. Property owners will be assessed, the assessment hearing is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2022.
4	If we already paid an assessment at another residence and moved to the current do we have to pay again?	Yes, assessments are levied against properties rather than a property owner.
5	Could there be an option to have attached driveways that are a part of the street to be redone at the same time? Could homeowners get a bid for the contractor to do their driveway at the same time? I was told this can be less expensive if done at the same time, by the same contractor that is already doing the road.	This certainly is an option however, the property owners would be responsible for hiring a contractor and coordinate this work. The project team will share the contact information for the contractor working on the project however, they are not obligated to complete work on private property. The city has seen several residents group together and hire a contractor for multiple driveways, that could be a good option.
6	The county installed the median on Mill Street and 3rd Ave. They have not installed a cross walk or pedestrian crossing, which has not only resolved the safety concerns at this crossing, but, now, with a shorter curb area, it is more dangerous to cross at this road. Are there any plans to increase safety for pedestrians at this crossing (3rd ave and Mill street).	Because Mill Street is a County road, the crosswalk is a decision that would need to be made by the County. It would be a great idea to reach out to the County via public comment channels to express this concern / request. If you have questions on how to do that, let the City Engineer or project team know and they can help.
7	During past construction on Hidden lane, some chunks of asphalt were left on the edges of our property. Please can all of these materials be removed?	Yes, please let Public Works know if they are accessible now (not buried in snow) or as soon as they are and we will remove them. Otherwise, the contractor will remove them with the road construction.
8	We have two mature trees on the boulevard. Do you attempt to save such trees during projects such as this?	Yes, the trees will be removed on a case by case basis. We will review each property specifically and only remove trees that would be damaged by construction. Also, see item 2 above.
9	Will this work mean that our water will no longer be brown or finally be clear?	As projects have taken place in Excelsior, City staff has seen improvements in water clarity so it is expected that continues to happen with this and future watermain replacement projects
10	Will sidewalks be installed on Hidden lane?	No, sidewalks are not proposed for Hidden Lane.
11	Which type of curbing are you planning for the Lyman Place culdesac -- ribbon or common step type?	At this stage of preliminary design, the curb type on Lyman Place is proposed to be barrier curb.
12	A big problem on Cedar lane is due to having no curb. There is constant degrading of the edges of the road. Why will there not be a curb on Cedar? How do you plan to keep the road from degrading without a curb?	That is a great comment for the team to note. It's likely this degradation is due to water shedding off the roadway that sits along the edges and causes the pavement to deteriorate. Another option is to have the roadway inverted (or v-shaped) which causes the water to collect in the middle of the roadway and shed off the road that way which keep the edges drier. The project team will also consider adding a concrete edge if that is determined to be necessary.
13	Property owner/resident asked for more information on what the "right of way" means and for clarification about the 50ft average width that was mentioned during the presentation.	The right of way is the area where most roads and utilities reside. It isn't city property but the city has the right and responsibility to maintain the infrastructure within the right of way. The right of way typically extends a few feet beyond the edge of the roadway so the 50ft is measured as 25ft to the left of road centerline and 25ft to the right of road centerline. However, there are several instances in this project where this 50ft isn't the width of the right of way (Smith Street and Cedar Lane for instance) and where the right of way varies along the road length (Hidden Lane).