



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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Frequently Asked Questions – Edythe Drive Project

Q: What work is being done as part of the project?

A: The project will involve the complete reconstruction of your roadway including a new stone base, asphalt road surface, gravel shoulder (covered with topsoil), some storm sewer repair or improvements, and grass restoration as well as public water main replacement and the extension of public sanitary sewer.

Q: How long will construction take?

A: The project is expected to begin in April with completion in September. Please note that there may be some final restoration and minor items that will carry over to the following year.

Q: How is this project funded?

A: Funding for the road construction is provided by the City's Local Road Millage; funding for the water main construction is provided by the City's water fund; and funding for the sanitary sewer construction will be provided by the sanitary sewer payback district, as described below.

Q: Will I be able to access my driveway during construction?

A: Access will be maintained to all properties within the project area during construction with the following exceptions: when crews are working directly in front of a driveway; and when concrete is curing (setting and hardening). Waiting times should last no longer than 15 minutes if construction crews are working in the roadway; however, for concrete driveways, closures up to 7-10 days after pouring will be necessary to allow for the concrete to cure. Additionally, during sanitary sewer and water main construction, temporary short-term driveway closures may be necessary where the pipe installation is currently taking place.

Q: How will mail delivery, trash pickup, and recycling pickup be affected?

A: Mail service will be maintained. A temporary mailbox will be provided for your address during construction. Your existing mailbox will be removed and temporarily placed on your lawn near your property line until it is reinstalled near the finished roadway. If your mailbox or mailbox post do not meet current postal standards, a replacement standard metal mailbox or wood post will be provided and installed as necessary to meet current requirements.

Trash and recycling pickup will continue on your normally scheduled pickup day and may occur as early as 7:00 AM, so please have your garbage out for pickup prior to that time.

Q: Where does the City property end and my private property begin?

A: The City property ends and your private property begins at the right-of-way line. The right-of-way line on Edythe Drive is located approximately 30 feet from the centerline of the road.

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Q: Will my driveway and culvert pipe be replaced as part of the project?

A: Driveway approaches will only be replaced as necessary to match the new adjacent roadway or curb elevation. In general, concrete approaches will be replaced up to the first joint in the driveway and asphalt driveways will be replaced up to four feet from the edge of the roadway.

Select driveway approaches and culverts will be replaced up to the right-of-way line only as necessary for roadway drainage improvements, the construction of the sanitary sewer or water main or to obtain an acceptable driveway slope. Driveways that are buckling due to the underlying culvert will not be replaced unless the culvert is failing; they will not be replaced due to buckling alone. A failing culvert is defined as a culvert that is rusting out or has holes in it.

Q: Will my trees and landscaping be affected from the construction work?

A: In general, the City will not disrupt trees that are not affecting the roadway or adjacent sidewalk. If the tree provides a danger to drivers or could compromise the lifespan of the new roadway, steps may be taken to remove it.

The City does not replace special landscaping, brick, timbers or plantings located within the City's right-of-way. The contractor will make every effort to avoid damage to specialty landscaping; however, fixed objects in the right-of-way such as large rocks, brick landscaping or brick mailboxes are not permitted and will be removed for the safety of drivers.

Q: What is the purpose of ditching along the roadway?

A: Ditches protect the lifespan of the roadway by capturing rainwater from the adjacent properties and pavement. They are necessary along roadways where there is not a full storm sewer system. It is not the City's intent to enclose existing open ditches. In some cases, in order to allow for proper drainage, enclosed ditches will need to be re-ditched and will not be re-enclosed. On Edythe Drive, it is anticipated that at least half of the ditches will need to be re-ditched following completion of the sanitary sewer and water main construction.

Q: Why does this project include water main and sanitary sewer construction?

A: Constructing the sanitary sewer and water main at this time, with the road reconstruction, reduces the total costs for the utilities and as a result reduces the amount of the sanitary sewer payback. The replacement of the water main prior to reconstructing the road, significantly reduce the risk of a water main break affecting the new pavement and base.

Q: What do I need to know about the water main construction?

A: The existing 6 inch diameter water main on Edythe Drive was constructed in 1958. It has reached the end of its useful life and is prone to frequent breaks. The water main will be replaced with new 8 inch diameter water main which will improve system reliability, improve flows and pressures, and significantly reduce the potential for breakage and repairs.

The water main replacement is a City Capital project and is being completed at no cost to the property owners.

Q: What do I need to know about the sanitary sewer construction?

A: The sanitary sewer is being extended from 13 Mile Road and will service 22 properties on Edythe Drive (see attached map). Please note that as a part of the sanitary sewer construction, a service lead will be provided for each property and will be extended from the sanitary sewer main to the property line. The Engineering Division will provide a **House Lead Location Form** for each property owner with the construction start letter, which we ask that you fill out in order to indicate where you would like to have your individual house lead located along your property frontage.

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Q: What is the cost of sanitary sewer?

A: The sanitary sewer is being constructed as a payback district, which means the owners of the benefiting parcels are required to pay for their proportionate share of the improvement *if and when* they connect and also prior to the approval of any subdivision of land. The payback cost is currently estimated at \$20,400 per parcel. Additional tap fees and connection charges will apply.

Upon completion of the construction, the final payback costs will be determined and presented to City Council for approval. At that time, another letter will be sent to all property owners in the payback district with additional information including the connection procedure, payback process, cost per benefiting property and established time period for the owners to opt into a payback agreement and make installment payments if desired.

Q: When and how will my grass be restored?

A: This project is not expected to significantly affect adjacent lawns and landscaping. Where lawn areas have been impacted by the contractor's operations, the disturbed areas will be replaced with topsoil, seed and mulch or hydroseed. Sod will not be used. Restoration may not begin until after Labor Day, depending on the weather. These areas will need to be cared for like the rest of your lawn. Regular grass watering during restoration will help ensure success and we appreciate your efforts in assisting in this regard.

Q: Will my sprinkler lines / invisible dog fencing / sump pump discharge lines be affected?

A: The contractor will make every effort to avoid damage to private buried lines in the right-of-way; however, we would appreciate your assistance in locating any sprinkler systems, buried invisible dog fencing lines or sump discharge pipes located near the roadway and ask that you flag them so that adequate protection can be made. If you need assistance in this regard, please contact the Engineering Division.

Q: Will the contractor be working at night?

A: The contractor is permitted to work Monday - Saturday from 7:00am - 7:00pm. They will not be permitted to work outside of those hours without written authorization from the Director of Public Services.

Q: How will the contractor keep dust to a minimum?

A: A City Inspector on site will be monitoring the amount of dust present during construction. If it is determined that measures are needed, the contractor will be required to place water or calcium chloride on the roadway.

Q: How can I stay informed during construction?

A: A project-specific email list has been created for each project for those interested in receiving periodic email updates from the City as the project moves forward. Instructions for subscribing to the email list can be found on the City website at <https://www.fhgov.com/Government/News-Information/eNews-List-Serv.aspx>

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions during the project?

A: A City Inspector will be present during the entirety of the project and will be available on site and by phone to answer any questions you may have. Property owners and residents within the project limits will receive a letter prior to the start of construction with additional project contact information.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Engineering Division at 248-871-2560 or the Project Engineer, Katrina Kennedy, at kkennedy@fhgov.com.

Edythe Drive Sanitary Sewer Payback District

