

# **Public Works Weekly Construction Report**

## **July 25, 2008**

### **Metropolitan Area Traffic/Road Construction Alerts:**

Please remember to view current Houston metropolitan area traffic *road construction/closure information* from the City website “Traffic Updates/Closures” link, which directs citizens to Houston’s Transtar website, [http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/construction/construction\\_report.aspx](http://traffic.houstontranstar.org/construction/construction_report.aspx).

### **West U Streetlight Project:**

**Streetlights Phase I** – CenterPoint Energy is scheduled to begin installing the missing hand hole cover beginning Monday July 28<sup>th</sup>. There is approximately 200 missing covers and it anticipated that these installations will span approximately one to two weeks.

### **West U Sidewalk Construction Update:**

Post-construction site restorations continue for this project. Construction of sidewalks along the east side of Kirby from Holcombe to University is being scheduled for the near future; notification will be delivered to the affected residents prior to construction.

Please refer to the Kirby Drive Improvement Project update (below) for more information.

### **Kirby Drive Improvement Project Update:**

The City of West University Place City Council and the City of Houston City Council have both approved an interlocal agreement for the placement of sidewalks on the west side of Kirby Drive. This work will be scheduled in the near future; notification will be delivered to the affected residents prior to construction.

Contractors for the City of Houston have completed the installation of storm water boxes on the west side of Kirby Drive, terminating approximately 100 feet south of Kirby Drive’s intersection with Robinhood Street. These storm water boxes have also received their post-installation cleaning, and the transition work on these facilities is underway for the next segment. Paving of west side lanes to a point 100 feet south of Kirby Drive’s intersection with Robinhood Street will continue, and is tentatively scheduled to be complete by the first week of August. Current northward progress on the west side of Kirby Dr. has reached Plumb Street. Given delays due to recent rainfall events, the

contractor anticipates paving on the west side of Kirby Drive between Plumb Street and Tangley Road this coming week, weather permitting.

The City of Houston anticipates bidding Segment 4 of this project, from just south of Kirby Drive's intersection with Robinhood Street north past the city limits, in the near future (September 2008). Once bid, the actual mobilization and work is not anticipated to begin until, at the earliest, mid-January of 2009.

Contact information for this project is as follows:

Ms. Jody Craze  
Senior Project Manager/ City of Houston  
(713)837-7188

Reytec Construction Resources, Inc  
(713)957-4003

### **College Ave./Bellaire Blvd. Improvement Project Update:**

As many of you are aware, this improvement project will affect the Bellaire Blvd./College Ave./Poor Farm Ditch area of the City with enhancements to the transportation system and its associated drainage features. These enhancements are designed to not only provide free and clear roadways, but to greatly improve our drainage in the affected areas. The project is the joint effort of the City of West University Place, the City of Southside Place, the City of Houston, Harris County Flood Control District and Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The traffic control plan for the construction zone is not anticipated to change in the coming week other than the following. **With the installation of storm water boxes complete through this intersection, the contractor is anticipating the continued temporary opening of the Bellaire Blvd. at the Stella Link intersection until the subsequent paving work is scheduled. Notice of the paving closure will be forthcoming. Caution in planning your daily travel is advised.**

As the storm water box installation and utility work is completed, the contractor anticipates preparation of the road base to be followed by the paving of the southern lanes of Bellaire Blvd. from Auden/Braes to Stella Link. Given the recent delays due to weather related issues, this process is expected to occupy the greater part of the next two-plus weeks, weather permitting.

The tentative schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

**Weslayan Street from Bellaire Blvd. to Riley Street – Mid August to early November**

**Weslayan Street from Riley Street to Marquette Street** – Early November to end of December  
**Riley Street from Weslayan Street to College Ave.** – Early October to end of November  
**College Ave. from Riley Street to University Blvd.** – End of October to end of March 2009

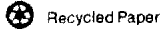
Future updates to this project will be posted weekly on our website as well as reported to subscribers of the City's email notification program. Further, please note that the contractor has established a contact in the event residents would have questions or concerns regarding this ongoing improvement project. **Their contact is Superintendent Luke Morganti; he can be reached at 832.265.7470.**

The following written project notice is being hand-delivered today to residences and businesses in the project area that are within the city limits of West University Place.



# City of West University Place

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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\***

**Hand Delivered**

**July 25, 2008**

**Attn: West University Place Residents/Property Owners along Bellaire Boulevard, Riley Street, and College Avenue**

As you are very likely aware the long awaited Bellaire Boulevard/College Avenue Improvement Project is progressing to a point where it will enter the city limits of our City. This project will provide major improvements to the drainage and transportation facilities in this area. Please understand that the contractors will contain their activities to one-half of the effected roadway at a time whenever possible, however there will be times when material deliveries, heavy equipment maneuvering, paving and general safety will require a temporary full closure of some section of roadway. Thank you for your patience as we work through this period to achieve the necessary transportation and drainage improvements to our City. It is our goal to endeavor to make this as palatable as possible.

We wanted to communicate with the residents and inform you of this upcoming construction and invite you, if you have not already done so, to register with the City's website for construction updates. We post a construction report weekly and proactively send emails when new postings are available. This can be done by logging on to the City's website at <http://www.westu.org/> and clicking on the "Get City News by Email" section on the right side of your screen. You may simply check your areas of interest, and in this case the "Infrastructure Construction Updates" item, enter your email address and you are subscribed. Complete plans are on file in the Public Works Administration Building at 3826 Amherst Street in the event you would like to view them. We do however request you call ahead to ensure that staff would be available to meet with you at your desired time.

For your information the following is a tentative schedule for the construction within the city limits of West University Place. Please note that you will be receiving specific notification from the contractors no less than 72 hours prior to them initiating work in your immediate area.

***Weslayan from Bellaire Blvd. to Riley (Storm Sewer and Paving)***

*Start: 13 August 2008      Finish: 5 November 2008*

***Weslayan from Riley to Marquette (30" Storm Sewer and Paving)***

*Start: 6 November 2008      Finish: 26 December 2008*

***Riley Street (Storm Sewer and Paving)***

*Start: 1 October 2008      Finish: 26 November 2008*

***College Ave. (Storm Sewer and Paving)***

*Start 28 October 2008      Finish: 16 March 2009*

***The Contractor is required to hand out notices no less than 72 hours prior to construction.***

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time. In the event that you would have further questions or if we can be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact our Contract Administrator, Gerardo Barrera at 713.662.5839 or [gbarrera@westu.org](mailto:gbarrera@westu.org).

Regards,

M. Christopher Peifer  
Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works