



## Report of Public Comments

### MEETING DETAILS

Project Name	Briar Meadow Area: Bounded by Westheimer Road to the north, Ann Arbor Drive on the west, Windswept Lane on the south, and Bering Ditch on the east
CIP/Need Area#	M-410009
Meeting date/time	September 23, 2015 from 6pm-7:30pm
Meeting location	Briar Meadow Home Owner's Association (HOA) Club House 3203 Freshmeadows Drive Houston, Texas 77063
Presenter	Amanda Marshall, Project Manager Infrastructure Planning Branch Department of Public Works & Engineering (PWE)
Attendance	70
Meeting info	<a href="#">Design Meeting Presentation</a> <a href="#">Design Meeting Handout</a>
Contact info	For questions or to request the full public comments technical memo, email: <a href="mailto:pweplanning@houstontx.gov">pweplanning@houstontx.gov</a>

### DETAILS ABOUT PROJECT

Project Description	The Briar Meadow Area project will improve streets and storm water drainage as well as water and wastewater systems as needed in the neighborhood. The engineering study that PWE conducted in 2013 found that the Briar Meadow area does not meet current City of Houston design standards due to inadequate storm drainage systems, aging water and sewer lines, and sidewalks that do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The project completed its planning phase in 2014 and was selected for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in 2014 for Fiscal Years 2017-2021. The project will be constructed in three phases. Phase 1 (construction north of Richmond Avenue) began its design phase in 2015 and is scheduled to begin construction in 2018. Phase 2 (construction south of Richmond Avenue) is currently in its design phase and is scheduled to begin construction in 2020. Phase 3 (construction East of Hillcroft Avenue) will begin its design phase in 2017 and is scheduled to begin construction in 2022.
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### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- 2) The placement of sidewalks and requests by some residents to not have sidewalks installed in front of their homes.

### PWE Comments:

- 1) *During the design phase, the City will evaluate traffic patterns and traffic control systems to minimize the traffic congestion and safety concerns in the neighborhood.*
- 2) *Sidewalks are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and are an essential part of City of Houston reconstruction projects. The placement of sidewalks is flexible within right-of-way and can be minimize impacts to the existing trees in the neighborhood. If adjustments to the sidewalk placement, such as placing sidewalks adjacent to the curb, can be reasonably made to save a tree, then those adjustments will be made in the project design phase.*

### **Additional Public Concerns**

Additional infrastructure related concerns include:

- 1) Flooding within the right-of-way
- 2) Street lighting options
- 3) The relocation of residential sewer line connections from the back of the residence to the front of the residence
- 4) Driveway access during the construction phase

### PWE Comments:

- 1) *This project is expected to improve drainage and reduce the risk of flooding in the neighborhood, however, any drainage and flooding concerns related to recent storm events should be reported to 3-1-1.*
- 2) *Upgraded street lighting will be coordinated with the Management District and CenterPoint Energy during the design phase of the project.*
- 3) *Relocation of residential sewer line connections will be completed as part of a separate PWE program known as the Substitute Service Line Program (<https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/notices/sslp.html>) after the completion of this project.*
- 4) *Driveway access will be coordinated individually with each resident during the construction phase of the project. More information will be provided at this time.*

### **Miscellaneous Non-PWE Related Concerns**

- Trash collection and street cleaning concerns should be reported to 3-1-1.
- Metro bus stops locations and access will be coordinated with Metro during design phase.
- Esplanade concerns will be coordinated with the Management Districts during design phase.
- Upgraded street lighting and way-finding signage will be



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coordinated with the Management District and CenterPoint during design phase.

- Bike Plan input is shared with City of Houston’s Planning Department

### ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS

Complete Streets Overview

Houston Complete Streets and Transportation Plan (Executive Order 1-15) guides the development of mobility planning and design of City of Houston street and drainage projects. This Executive Order identifies goals and steps to move the city toward the achievement of Complete Streets through the planning, designing, budgeting, constructing, and reconstructing of all transportation improvements. The Executive Order recognizes that all streets are not the same and that reconstruction of the public right-of-way should strongly utilize context sensitive design, incorporating local development context, and also take into account the role a particular corridor plays in the region’s multimodal transportation networks. The advent of these programs, as well as other initiatives such as Goal Zero to address multimodal safety on the region’s roadways, requires rethinking existing planning and design approaches to ensure that the projects developed and constructed by the City of Houston meet these objectives.

### ABOUT REBUILD HOUSTON

Rebuild Houston Program Overview

The reconstruction of the city’s street and drainage infrastructure following the guidelines of the Complete Street and Transportation Plan is made possible through resources provided by the ReBuild Houston Program. ReBuild Houston is a voter-initiated and voter-approved, Pay-As-You-Go program to address the city of Houston’s street and drainage infrastructure needs in a systematic, prioritized and objective manner. ReBuild Houston is a part of the City’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the 10-Year plan for Streets & Drainage. Street & Drainage improvement projects are separated into three phases of planning, design, and construction which allows for a much more detailed and objective planning process that complements the City’s established Capital Improvement Plan. To learn more about ReBuild Houston and Street & Drainage infrastructure improvement process, visit [www.rebuildhouston.org](http://www.rebuildhouston.org). To obtain a full copy of the technical memo detailing all the public comments received at the public meeting, email: [pweplanning@houstontx.gov](mailto:pweplanning@houstontx.gov).