

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
WEST AIRPORT BLVD. EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
HIRAM CLARKE RD. to FM 521 (ALMEDA RD.)

Beginning January 2018, the construction of West Airport Blvd. will occur between Hiram Clarke Rd. to FM 521 (Alameda Rd.).

How long is this project going to take to complete?

The entire project is scheduled for 396 days:

Start Date: February 13, 2018 (preliminary work)

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2019.

What is going to be replaced / installed in this project?

Included in the scope of this project are: road widening to 4 lanes with a raised median, new paved concrete street, water lines replacements, street light illumination, and bike lane path.

Who is providing this project?

The project is 100% funded by the State.

What is the project cost for this TxDOT roadway project?

The current project cost is estimated at \$18.8 million.

TxDOT Representative:

You can contact Danny Perez, TxDOT Public Information Officer –713-802-5072 or Danny.Perez@txdot.gov. Feel free to make TxDOT aware of any problems that you think are not being handled properly.

Where to call to report problems?

- *Emergency needs:* Area Office main number – (409) 978-2500
- *Non-emergency needs:* Contact Danny Perez (listed above)
- *Houston Police Department:* Contact 832-394-0400 – Southwest HPD Substation

Where can residents look up Street Reconstruction design plans?

DistrictK@houstontx.gov – click *West Airport Blvd. Extension Project* link

What is the project schedule?

The project schedule will occur Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Any actual lane closures will occur during the non-peak hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Work done before or after that will occur behind barrels. The project will occasionally have some night and weekend work, excluding Sundays.

Will the existing pavement section of West Airport Blvd. (east of Hiram Clarke Rd.) be totally reconstructed as part of this overall roadway construction project?

Existing pavement will remain. TxDOT will be widening the section to accommodate two 11' travel lanes, 6' bike lane, curb, 4' sod, 5' sidewalks and a central median.

What traffic signals will be installed along this West Airport Blvd. corridor as part of this overall project?

Traffic signal will be installed at Buffalo Speedway.

Will the existing traffic signals along West Airport Blvd. be replaced (i.e. Hiram Clarke Rd. and Almeda Rd.)?

Existing traffic signal at FM 521 (Almeda Rd.) and Hiram Clarke Rd. will remain.

Will trees be planted along the raised medians (esplanades) of this roadway project?

Trees will be planted along the medians as part of this roadway project (483 trees in total).

Will there be turning lanes of raised medians?

There will be turn lanes provided at various intersections throughout the project. Please refer to the project layout for more information.

Will any streets feeding onto West Airport Blvd. be closed during construction? If so, what are the streets and the tentative dates of closed streets?

TxDOT's contractor will maintain traffic mobility along the corridor throughout the project. Periodic short-term road closures may be needed over the course of construction. Such closures will be advertised on the Houston Transtar website at www.houstontranstar.org.

When the project is complete, what will be the recommended speed limit along the corridor? What will be the recommended speed limit through the Glen Iris residential subdivision segment?

After completion of the project, the actual speed limit along the corridor will be determined by the City of Houston Public Works Dept.

Will there be a sound wall installed for the single family residential homes backing/siding onto West Airport Blvd. (Brentwood Village, Villas of Brentwood, and Brentwood Place)?

No sound wall will be installed along the West Airport Blvd. corridor as part of this construction project.

Will additional street lights be installed along the West Airport Blvd. corridor as part of this construction project?

Street lights will be installed along the West Airport Blvd. corridor.

Will sidewalks/curb and gutter be included as part of the West Airport Blvd. construction project? If so, what is the sidewalk width (5-ft. or 6-ft. width)?

Continuous 5-foot width sidewalks are proposed on this project. Existing sidewalks that are disturbed will be replaced.

Will a proposed bike lane be included as part of this construction project?

A 6-foot bike lane will be included on the westbound and eastbound lanes of the West Airport Blvd. corridor.

Since TxDOT is fully funding this roadway project, will the maintenance of the esplanades be transferred to the City of Houston once the project is completed?

Maintenance of the esplanades will be the responsibility of the City of Houston after completion of this project.

Will TxDOT construct a bridge over the drainage easement near Brentwood Place subdivision and also east of Glen Iris subdivision?

Two bridges will be constructed over the existing drainage channels as part of this overall roadway project. The first bridge construction is near the Brentwood Place subdivision (C-146 channel) and second bridge construction is east of the Glen Iris subdivision (C-161 channel).

Will the cul-de-sacs be reconstructed for Woodkeer St. (Glen Iris subdivision) on both sides of the West Airport right-of-way?

Both cul-de-sacs will be constructed as part of this project.

Will Ambrose be re-routed to Lightstar as illustrated on the construction design map?

Yes, Ambrose St. will be re-routed to Lightstar Dr. as outlined.

Will a cul-de-sac be installed along Ambrose between Woodkeer and the old West Airport Blvd. right-of-way easement?

A cul-de-sac will be installed at Ambrose St. (north of West Airport Blvd).

Will the City of Houston be responsible for maintaining the excess portion of West Airport Blvd. right-of-way through the Glen Iris subdivision as illustrated on the design plans?

Yes, the City of Houston will be responsible for maintaining any excess portion of right-of-way that not within the constructed alignment of West Airport Blvd. through the Glen Iris subdivision.

Will the designs plans for the project be available for the public to review?

TxDOT will have a set of plans available for review. You may also visit the Galveston Area Office at 5407 Gulf Freeway (LaMarque, TX) to review the plans. If you have questions you can also call the same office for information at 409-978-2500.

Will updates be provided to residents?

Contact the TxDOT Public Information Office (via Danny Perez) at (713) 802-5077.