

96th Avenue North Public Utilities Renewal

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Dear residents of 96th Avenue North:

Collier County's Public Utilities and Growth Management Departments finished the design phases of a project to replace the aging water, wastewater and stormwater systems that service 96th Avenue North from Vanderbilt Drive to U.S. 41. The County received construction bids and the Board of County Commissioners authorized award of a contract to D. N. Higgins, Inc. This project is necessary to ensure a continued high level of utility services for the community. Construction will take place over the next 13 months. There are no special assessments associated with this work. A neighborhood information meeting was held on December 11, 2019.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- The safety of the residents and utility workers is of utmost importance.
- Our contractor will be filming a preconstruction video. This video will capture pre-construction conditions in the project area.
- Survey and marking of the new water and wastewater mains will be performed. Survey stakes and offset marks in the pavement will indicate the location of the mains. **Please do not move or remove stakes and markings.**
- The contractor sequence is as follows:
 - ✓ Right-of-way (ROW) clearance
 - ✓ Installation of the potable water system in the 500 and 600 blocks
 - ✓ Installation of the wastewater and stormwater systems in the 500 block
 - ✓ First layer of asphalt in 500 block
 - ✓ Installation of the wastewater and stormwater systems in the 600 block
 - ✓ First layer of asphalt in 600 block
 - ✓ Installation of the potable water system in the 700 and 800 blocks
 - ✓ Installation of the wastewater and stormwater systems in the 700 block
 - ✓ First layer of asphalt in 700 block
 - ✓ Installation of the wastewater and stormwater systems in the 800 block
 - ✓ First layer of asphalt in 800 block
 - ✓ Last layer of asphalt from Vanderbilt Drive to U.S. 41

This schedule is tentative and is subject to change at any time based upon site conditions or unforeseen circumstances.

- The wastewater main will be installed in the roadway. For safety reasons, the contractor will close the road to through traffic during the work day when the wastewater main is being constructed. Local traffic will be maintained.
- In conjunction with the clearing of the ROW, existing concrete and asphalt driveways will be saw-cut at the ROW line to ease removal. Paver driveways will have the pavers removed, placed on a pallet and stored nearby. Paver driveways will be temporarily restored with compacted limestone. Concrete and asphalt driveways will be temporarily restored with asphalt.
- During final restoration, the portion of the driveway that was removed will be replaced with the pavers, concrete or asphalt, to match the original material. The exception to this will be that any gravel or dirt driveways will be restored with asphalt or concrete in the ROW.

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- During construction, mailboxes may need to be temporarily removed, but will be reinstalled daily.
- Due to the contractor's means and methods of construction and to assure the safety of all, the contractor will need full access of the ROW. The temporary access road will be maintained for the benefit of the residents, emergency services, postal service, waste management, school buses and other public service vehicles.
- In accordance with Collier County Ordinance 2009-19 and the ROW Handbook:
 - ✓ Everything in the ROW (driveway sections, grass, trees, shrubs, landscaping, ornamentation, structures, mailboxes, and irrigation systems) is subject to removal during construction.
 - ✓ Regardless of any existing ROW permits, the contractor has the right to remove trees, shrubs, landscaping, ornamentation, and structures that have been installed in the ROW in order to complete the project.
 - ✓ Existing trees, shrubs, landscaping, ornamentation and structures within the ROW will not be replaced.
 - ✓ Irrigation systems in the ROW will be restored.
- Electrical wires installed in the ROW by the residents will need to be removed by the owner for the safety of residents and workers.
- During construction, notifications for planned water service outages will be sent to the affected residents; however, you may experience intermittent service outages due to field conditions and unforeseen water main breaks.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Watch for door hangers, notifications and the website www.collierpur.com for pending construction in your area.
- Mark your irrigation system in the ROW; ROW is generally 30 feet from the center of the road.
- Remove any items you wish to save from the ROW construction area. If you replace trees, shrubs, landscaping, ornamentation, and structures, they should be located on your property outside of the ROW.
- Complete, notarize and return your Right of Entry (ROE) form if you have not already done so. ROE forms are required to reconnect your utility services.
- We respectfully request that all residents please stay out of the work zones during construction. These areas are designated hard hat and safety vest areas and can be hazardous. This request is not only for your safety, but also for the safety of the contractor and county employees.
- Drive carefully. Be patient during construction and subsequent restoration. Your driveway and grassed areas will be restored to their preconstruction condition.

More information is available on our website www.collierpur.com. Please watch for door hangers and other notices of pending construction in your area. If you have any questions, please call 239-451-0280 or email 96AvenuePUR@colliercountyfl.gov.

Cordially,



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