

City of Houston

2020 Street & Utility Improvement

FAQ's

April 23, 2020

QUESTIONS BY RESIDENTS ALONG LINCOLN STREET

Q1: What can I do if I'd like to replace my sanitary service line and / or water service line outside of the right-of-way (on private property)?

A1: Zenke Incorporated is contracted to replace your services lines to the property line (or right-of-way). They might be interested in taking on this extra work – we will ask them at an upcoming construction planning meeting. It is possible that they won't be interested in doing this work for various reasons, so we suggest that neighbors communicate to discuss this topic and search collectively for a contractor to do this work. It could be beneficial if several neighbors wanted to do this to hire the same contractor. A point of clarification is that any work done outside of the city's contract would need to be paid by each individual out-of-pocket as part of a separate agreement.

Q2: What can I do if I'd like to replace my concrete driveway or sidewalk outside of the right-of-way (on private property)?

A2: This will be discussed at the upcoming construction planning meeting as well. Any information learned at this meeting will be shared with the residents. The chances of a concrete contractor performing "private" work on the project are relatively good. A point of clarification is that any work done outside of the city's contract would need to be paid by each individual out-of-pocket as part of a separate agreement.

Q3: If I sell my house, who is responsible for the balance owed of the special assessment?

A3: The outstanding balance would be a negotiated item between buyer and seller.

Q4: Who pays for the sidewalk that is being installed at the Park? Is that part of the property owner's individual assessments or would it be in the bond which all taxpayers across the City pay?

A4: Technically, the City is assessed just like everyone else for improvements along their frontage. Ultimately, the cost for these improvements are paid by the taxpayers.

Q5: Some of us have curb that has been knocked down for a driveway, but no driveway was installed. I provided direction to the engineer about what I want done with this and have had a change of heart. Is it too late to change my mind?

A5: It is not too late. Please talk to the engineer about your request at the upcoming Neighborhood Informational Meeting on April 30th or you can communicate your requests with Steve Vrieze for the design changes.

Q6: What if I'd like another tree removed along my property? Can I still add that to the project?

A6: We have budgeted for a few additional tree removals. Please talk to the engineer about your request at the upcoming Neighborhood Informational Meeting on April 30th.