

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (PMP)

THE QUESTIONS AND THE ANSWERS

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IMPACTS ON ADJOINING PROPERTY

LAWN

Q1. All streets in the area will be narrowed to 28 feet. How much of a homeowner's lawn has to be dug up, and why?

A: The extent of excavation varies throughout the project and is based on the depth of excavation and the slope of the boulevard.

Q2. Since all the streets are being narrowed, is there ever an instance in which a homeowner would lose lawn? If so, under what circumstances and when would the homeowner find out?

A: All street excavation is within City street right-of-way. There are instances where the street is widened or alignment is modified at intersections for safety purposes that lawn may be lost. The extent of the grading on a project is typically shown on plans when it has been calculated, and this information is typically available at the second project open house.

Q3. How does the street repaving project impact automatic sprinkler systems?

A: Irrigation systems within the street right-of-way are considered private facilities. Therefore, it is the resident's responsibility to remove or relocate them to avoid damage. City staff can meet with property owners to determine the grading limits for removal or relocation.

Q4. Markings for electrical and gas lines are several feet from the road. Will the street repaving project impact that far into the lawn?

A: CenterPoint Energy replaces gas mains and services within project areas. However, this is typically done with directional boring to limit the number of excavations. See answer to Q3 regarding grading limits.

TREES AND SHRUBS

Q5. Will homeowners lose trees or bushes?

A: Maybe. We attempt to minimize impacts to trees and shrubs, but sometimes it cannot be avoided.

Q6. Will trees be identified to be taken down? If so, under what circumstances and when would the homeowner be told?

A: See answer to Q5. This information is typically available at the second project open house.

Q7. If the trees or bushes are replaced, what discretion does the homeowner have for locating the new trees and bushes?

A: Replacement trees or shrubs can be planted anywhere on the property except within the street right-of-way.

Q8. When is the City forester available to talk with individual homeowners?

A: At any time, but typically right before or during construction.