Town of Cary Downtown Walker Street Improvements Project
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General Information

- This project continues Cary’s vision to revitalize our Downtown and will result in improved aesthetics and pedestrian access which includes; utility, storm drainage, traffic signal, sidewalk and downtown infrastructure street upgrades.

- On May 23, 2019, Town Council awarded the construction contract to Bruce Allen Construction Company of Cary, North Carolina. The cost of the project is $2,374,673.

- Sewer line improvements include installation of a structural liner as well as manhole rehabilitation that will improve the reliability and resiliency of our sewer system.

- Water line improvements consistent with our Master Plan include upsizing the existing 6” waterline to a new 16” ductile iron waterline for increased fire suppression and improve water supply to Downtown Cary.

- Storm drainage improvements will support Downtown businesses by reducing potential for flooding and support planned upstream drainage improvements within the Cedar Street area.

- Wooden utility power poles and electrical, fiber, and telecommunication lines at the intersection of Walker St. and E. Chatham St. will be relocated underground to enhance aesthetics of the adjacent properties and businesses.

- Town of Cary will provide project updates and schedule updates on the Town’s Project Webpage here:

Schedule (Tentative)

- Construction work of the Downtown Walker Street Improvements Project plans to start in August 2019.

- The water main replacement, storm drainage and sewer line work on S. Walker St. from E. Chatham St. to Waldo St. should be complete by Winter 2019, weather permitting.

- Due to long lead times to fabricate decorative street elements reminiscent of the other Downtown Cary intersections; construction of the remaining street improvements such as brick sidewalks, aerial utility relocations to underground, traffic signal work, street-lighting and final paving should be complete by fall 2020, weather permitting.

Business Driveways

- Some business driveways will have to be closed during the project at intermittent times for work activities.

- Staff and Contractor site personnel will communicate with business owners prior to any driveway closures and will work diligently to restore driveway access.

- Staff will work with the contractor to stage and sequence work activities to minimize interruption to driveway access/egress.
2019 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (S. Walker St. from Waldo Street to Byrum St.)

- Contractor Garney Companies work continues along S. Walker St from Waldo St. to Byrum St. as part of the 2019 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (new waterline). Work that remains is general cleanup, sewer lateral lines with meter installation and street patching. This watermain project is expected to be complete Fall 2019.

Work Zone Traffic Control

- During work periods, the Contractor will maintain at least two-way, one-lane traffic with flaggers.
- Work typically will be performed Monday thru Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturdays from 9am to 6pm.
- Lane closures with flaggers are expected on all streets in the project vicinity (S. and N. Walker St., E. Chatham St. and Waldo St.).

Temporary Street and Intersection Closures

- S. Walker St. from E. Chatham St. to Waldo St. will be temporarily closed for a period of approximately four (4) months; weather permitting, to allow waterline installation, storm drainage installation, sewer line installation, utility conflict resolution and water/sewer services. This temporary street closure is expected to begin late-summer 2019 into late-winter 2019. A map of the suggested off-site street detour can be found here:

- The intersection of Walker St and E. Chatham St will be temporarily closed for a period of approximately two-weeks (2-weeks); weather permitting, to construct water, sewer and storm drainage improvements within the intersection. The suggested off-site street detour route can be found here:

- Contractor and Town Staff will remain engaged with business owners and provide advanced notice of the Walker St. and E. Chatham St. intersection closure.

Planned Utility Work

- PSNC/Scana/Dominion Energy has relocated their gas lines for our upcoming project work in spring 2018.
- Occasional night work by the Town’s contractor will plan to minimize service disruptions to businesses including scheduling work during low-flow sewer conditions and low-demand water operations.
- The Town’s Public Works Department and the Contractor continue to identify water valves for operation and for shut down to isolate our working areas to minimize disruptions and maintain service to business and our citizens.
- Reconstruction work of the water and sewer lines will be made minimize disruption to services to businesses during the life of the project.

Helpful Weblinks for Project Information

- Town of Cary Project Webpage: https://www.townofcary.org/projects-initiatives/project-updates/street-projects/walker-street-improvements
- Walker Street Improvements Project Background Info: https://www.townofcary.org/home/showdocument?id=22246
- Detour Map for Two-Week Intersection Closure of E. Chatham St. and Walker St. and Four Month Closure of S. Walker St (E. Chatham St. to Waldo St.): https://www.townofcary.org/home/showdocument?id=22777
- Proposed S. Walker St. Sidewalk Map: https://www.townofcary.org/home/showdocument?id=10403