

Greens Prairie Road Widening Project Ph 2 - City section

Below is a summary of my talking points from yesterday evening. Please feel free to forward this information to the residents of Castlegate.

The second phase of the Greens Prairie Widening Project will include reconstructing the current 2-lane road into a 4-lane road (extending south of the power poles), adding medians, reconstructing/adding multi-use paths on both sides of the roadway, and installing a traffic signal at Castlegate Drive and the future Diamondback Drive of Greens Prairie Reserve. The multi-use path will be 10' wide on the north side of the roadway and 8' wide on the south side of the roadway, with a buffer between the paths and the road. The project manager did clarify to me after the meeting that there could not be a dedicated right turn lane onto Castlegate Drive from Greens Prairie Road due to the location of a high-pressure gas line. However, a sidewalk is allowed to be constructed within proximity or over said line.

The City section of this phase will run from just west of Dalton Drive to Arrington Road. (The widening will stop just east of Aggieland Express Car Wash, but a median will be extended to Arrington Road.) This section will look very similar to the first phase of the project that runs through the Creek Meadows subdivision. Attached is a PowerPoint presentation provided by the project manager, as well as the Roadway Plan and Profile sheets from the 100% design plans which both include visuals of the upcoming project.

The section within the County limits is designed but still awaiting funding from the County. Residents may reach out to Precinct 1 County Commissioner, Steve Aldrich, at saldrich@brazoscountytexas.gov or County Judge, Duane Peters, at dpeters@brazoscountytexas.gov with questions about this section. Residents may also visit https://cstx.gov/departments_city_hall/cip/greens_prairie_widening to view the conceptual design that extends through the County section.

Larry Young Paving has been selected as the contractor. Larry Young Paving also constructed the first phase of this project, as well as the recently completed Royder Road Expansion Project. The construction contract with LYP is being presented to City Council for approval on October 14th (not the 4th). Assuming the contract is approved, construction will begin in late October. More information will be available at that time regarding exactly where the contractor plans to begin construction.

Construction of the City section is anticipated to last 18 months, weather and other factors pending. As part of the contract, construction from Forest Ridge toward Arrington Road shall take place in the summer of 2022. The contractor will incur a financial penalty if the proposed timeline is not met. Two lanes of traffic will be open for most of the project. Additional lane closures with one way flagging may be utilized during some of the construction for things like the installation of culverts or concrete pours. These will take place during off peak hours (approximately 8:30 am to 3:00 pm).

If the residents have additional questions, they may contact the project manager, James Smith, PE, at (979) 764-3877 or jsmith@cstx.gov. I am also glad to assist in any way that I can.

Thank you and have a great day!

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