



Southeast Seminole Heights Flooding Relief Project Construction Impacts - Questions and Answers August 2021

When will construction start? When will it end?

Construction is scheduled to begin in late September or early October 2021 and will be completed approximately 2.5 years later.

What are the construction hours? Will there be night work?

Construction will typically occur on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Night and weekend work may be needed on occasion for major road crossings, connections or paving. If night or weekend work is required, crews will provide advance notification to residents to minimize inconvenience.

Will construction take place one street at a time or will crews be working on multiple streets simultaneously?

Multiple crews will work simultaneously in different locations. Construction will begin first in South Seminole Heights at Crest Avenue and the Hillsborough River, with replacement of the outfall structure at the river and utility relocations along Crest. Micro-tunnel shafts on East Caracas Avenue extending under I-275 will occur at the same time. While crews work at the river and on West Crest Avenue, another crew will begin relocating utilities and installing storm culverts on Central Avenue at East Giddens Avenue, moving south to Caracas. After storm drains are installed from Central to Caracas, crews will begin installing storm drains on Caracas east of I-275.

Will Rivercrest and Haya Linear Park be closed due to construction?

Rivercrest Park and Haya Linear Park will remain open during construction. Crews will be working on the outfall to the Hillsborough River in a portion of Haya Linear Park; this area will be clearly delineated and barricaded.

What is involved during construction?

Construction will vary by location, but in general, crews will first install dewatering wells along the pipeline route. Water will be pumped from the wells using a diesel generator that must run 24 hours a day, seven days a week until the new pipes and culverts are installed. The generators will have noise-dampening housing. Then existing paving will be removed, excavators will dig trenches, and crews will install storm drains, box culverts and/or new water lines. For major roadway crossings, like Florida Avenue and I-275, crews will use tunneling techniques to go under roadways and minimize traffic disruptions.

How long will you be working on West Crest Avenue?

The contractor anticipates that crews will be working for six to nine months on West Crest Avenue due to the number of pipelines that must be moved and re-installed. Before crews can install a new stormwater box culvert (7-foot by 5-foot in size), they must install two new sewer

lines and manholes and remove the old sewer line serving homes along Crest. They must also relocate a water line serving the area. Once water lines and sewer lines are installed and serving customers, then crews will install the large stormwater box culvert. When all the new infrastructure is installed, the area will be restored with new asphalt paving, curbs and gutters, new driveway aprons (if they were disturbed), and new sod.

What should residents expect during construction?

Construction is typically noisy and inconvenient, despite the best efforts of construction crews. Residents along the route can expect crews to be working in the roadway and the City right-of-way. Residents will see and hear heavy equipment in the area and can expect detours and/or lane closures. In some areas, access to driveways may be limited for a few days at a time. The contractor will work closely with homeowners to identify alternative parking and ensure mail or package delivery as well as trash and recycling pickup continue.

What should residents expect when driveways are inaccessible?

When construction is directly in front of a home, the contractor will work with residents to identify alternate parking areas and, if needed, provide alternate means of transporting residents to and from temporary parking. The contractor will also work with residents to ensure continued mail and package deliveries as well as trash and recycling pick-up. Emergency vehicles will be provided access as needed.

Will my water or sewer service be interrupted?

There may be some temporary service interruptions, primarily in areas where box culverts are installed. Crews may need to temporarily or permanently reconfigure water and sewer connections in these areas. These interruptions will be temporary, generally lasting 3 hours or less, and the hours of anticipated interruptions will be provided ahead of time via notifications to residents and businesses.

How will you notify residents of planned interruptions in service?

Residents and businesses will be notified by door hanger at least two days in advance of any service interruptions. Alerts will also be posted on the project website, seminoleheightsstormwater.com.

How will you maintain traffic flow during construction?

The project team is committed to minimizing traffic inconveniences while keeping the roads safe for all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Some temporary road closures, lane closures and detours will be required. All changes in traffic flow will be clearly marked and flaggers will help direct traffic when necessary.

Near Hillsborough High School and Seminole Heights Elementary School, the construction team is committed to partnering with school administrators to minimize traffic disruptions for work that may occur during the school year.

Will emergency services, like the Fire Department, know about the closures?

Emergency services will be notified by the City in advance of detours and lane closures.

Will mail, package and food delivery or garbage/recycling pick-up be interrupted during construction?

No. The contractor will work closely with homeowners and businesses to ensure deliveries and City services continue without interruption.

Will temporary signage be provided to businesses located along the route?

Since maintaining access to businesses is a priority, if construction along the route impacts a business entrance, blue way-finding business signs will be installed during construction. Signs located outside of the construction zone will not be altered.

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns about my property?

Residents may call the project hotline at (813) 580-5313 or email projectinfo@SeminoleHeightsStormwater.com. Additionally, once construction starts, an on-site community representative will proactively work with residents to resolve specific concerns.