

Knight Street Questions & Responses

Theme	Generalized Questions or Comments	Response
Design	Why boulevards and not curbside, sidewalks? Can a boulevard variance be granted?	Per City code, "complete streets standards" should be followed for all new construction or re-construction. The City Commission can approve a variance from these standards. The preliminary design was per engineering standards and the current proposed design varies from the standard, therefore will require Commission approval.
Design	I have a sidewalk in front of my house. Do I still require new sidewalks?	Per City Code, unless more than 50% of the sidewalk along the block is ADA compliant, it must all be replaced.
Design	Would sidewalks be installed on one side of the street or both?	City standards dictate sidewalks on both sides of a street.
Design	Will a retaining wall be installed on the south side?	A small retaining wall will be installed where topography requires.
Design	Can a 5 ft boulevard be installed rather than 7 ft boulevard?	City "complete street standards" dictate a 7ft boulevard. Current design proposal varies from the standard, therefore will require Commission approval.
Funding	Are federal transportation dollars available for this project?	Historically, federal dollars were available for projects such as this. Many are familiar with Safe Routes to School. Opportunities for federal funding are limited and time prohibitive. This conflicts with the priority of this project.
Funding	Who is covering the cost of this project?	Currently it is proposed to be funded through City enterprise funds.
Funding	Will my taxes go up because of this project?	At this time, no.

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Funding	I did the volunteer sidewalk program. Will my loan be forgiven/reimbursed?	Currently there is not a policy in place to adequately respond to this question.
Funding	Is a curbside, sidewalk less expensive than a boulevard?	No, if anything, a boulevard sidewalk may not require curb and gutter replacement. Therefore, it could be installed at a lower expense.
Property Impacts	How will sprinklers and landscaping be handled? Will the City cover the cost?	Yes. The cost to replace sprinklers and landscaping will be incorporated into the project costs, which will be covered by the City.
Property Impacts	How will trees be handled?	Where landscaped boulevard is installed, trees will be replaced or planted. Where curbside, sidewalk is installed, no trees will be planted.
Property Impacts	How far into my yard will the project impede?	No further than the edge of City right-of-way, also known as your property line. The proposed design will include either a six-foot curbside, sidewalk or a four to seven foot boulevard and a five foot sidewalk.