



Rodney Street Project Update

The Rodney Street Project Team has done their best to preserve as many trees as possible on both the Phase-1 and Phase-2 projects. On Phase-2, the City has had significant concerns over the excavation and potential anchoring root damage to the large boulevard trees from the construction activities. The November 4th windstorm, that blew over 4 trees, which had not been marked for removal, unfortunately confirmed these concerns.

Upon consultation with the City's Urban Forestry Supervisor, an ISA Certified Arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor, it has been concluded, these potentially compromised trees pose an immediate and urgent public safety threat. Because they are adjacent to homes, a park, a school, and other heavily trafficked pedestrian routes, the City, after careful deliberation, has decided to preemptively remove the remainder of the trees along this project before any others fail, causing further damage or injury.

The tree removal contractor will be working on Rodney Street starting Wednesday the 14th and finishing by Saturday the 17th. Safety is our first priority, please stay out of the area while they are working. Thank you!

For more project information please see:
<https://www.helenamt.gov/government/departments/city-infrastructure-projects>