Upper Sanderson Gulch Storm Drain Design

Overview

The Mar Lee residential neighborhood was constructed primarily in the mid to late 1950s. Consistent with development at that time, there are no underground stormwater pipes in this project area. Therefore, stormwater runoff is currently served only with curbs, gutters and roadway cross-panes. Multiple stormwater studies have indicated the potential for excessive stormwater in the streets as well as flooding during heavy storms.

The City and County of Denver and AECOM will proactively coordinate with residents and stakeholders to design a storm drain system that, once constructed, will improve greater protection from flooding with as little disruption to the community as possible. Design of the system will take place in 2019-2020. Funding for construction is expected to be in place within the next five years.

Starting in August 2019 and running through about December 2019, crews will be in the project area to perform a range of activities, including surveying to confirm City right of way and other property lines (which will include some spray painting on the ground with temporary paint), digging test holes to confirm utility locations in the street and taking soil samples. Localized, individual outreach as well as public meetings will be held as appropriate to identify community issues related to storm drainage design and impact.

Location

The Project Team is evaluating the design of a system of stormwater pipes that would run from Sheridan Boulevard eastward down W. Oregon Place and south on S. Xavier Street to Sanderson Gulch, and a second system starting at the intersection of W. Mexico Avenue and S. Wolcott Court, heading east on W. Mexico Avenue to S. Vrain Street and then connecting into Sanderson Gulch.