**Crestone Peak Storm Sewer System: Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why is the City doing this storm sewer construction project in South Hilltop?** In response to Denver’s 2014 Storm Drainage Master Plan study and multiple community complaints, Denver’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) is building a new storm sewer system in the South Hilltop neighborhood to mitigate the significant amount of stormwater that flows through the neighborhood and adjacent alleys. The purpose of the project is to reduce localized, nuisance flooding and increase pedestrian and driver safety during storm events.

**When will construction begin on the project?** Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-December, 2020

**What is the timeline for this project?** Construction will begin on E. Dakota Avenue at the S. Kearney Street intersection and will proceed west on E. Dakota Avenue to just east of S. Holly Street. Current projections are that crews will be on E. Dakota for approximately six months. Once storm sewer pipe installation is completed on E. Dakota, new storm pipes will be installed in the alley north of E. Dakota between S. Holly and S. Ivy Streets and in the alley south of E. Dakota Avenue between S. Ivy and S. Jersey Streets. After the new storm sewer is installed and before the street is re-paved, Xcel Energy will underground the existing overhead electric lines. This will be phased with the storm sewer install to minimize future disturbance to the neighborhood and take advantage of the excavated street to provide a clean corridor on Dakota Ave. The entire project – including installation of the new storm sewer system and Xcel’s utility improvements -- is anticipated to take approximately nine months to complete.

**What will street and alley access look like during construction?** Installation of the new storm sewer pipe in E. Dakota will occur in one-block increments, with the intersection at either end of the block closed during construction. Installation of the storm pipes in the alleys east and west of S. Ivy Street will require full alley closures for several weeks. Residents will be notified prior to construction and access to driveways will be maintained.

**What hours will construction crews be working?** The City and County of Denver’s noise ordinance allows for construction activity Monday through Friday, 7a.m. – 9 p.m., however the Project Team anticipates generally working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday work may occasionally be required, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Will there be any water outages?** Yes, multiple water lines will be lowered, causing temporary water disruptions. Residents will be notified of the timing and details of the outage in advance. The Project Team will work to schedule service disruptions during non-peak hours and restore service as quickly as possible. Denver Water is conducting a separate, unrelated water line improvement project in the neighborhood at the same time which may also require short-term, temporary water outages.

**Will there be an electric outages?** It is possible that outages may occur in the process of moving the overhead electric lines underground. Residents will be notified of the timing and details of the outage in advance. The Project Team will work to schedule service disruptions during non-peak hours and restore service as quickly as possible.
**Will trash collection be impacted during construction?** The City will coordinate with the project contractor to relocate trash, recycling and composting receptacles to the end of the alley on E. Dakota Avenue.

**Can residents still park on the street during construction?** Residents will not be permitted to park in the immediate construction area on E. Dakota Avenue, but may park on side streets and adjacent to the immediate construction zone. Crews will place “no parking” signs along the street prior to starting construction.

**Will sidewalks remain open during construction?** Sidewalks will remain open except when ADA-compliant ramp installations or sidewalk repairs are required. Pedestrian detour signage will be in place prior to this work. As a reminder, this project involves digging deep ditches to make way for the new storm sewer pipe. Residents are therefore asked to walk to the end of the block and cross in designated areas.

**Will curbs be replaced as part of this project?** No, curbs will not be replaced unless a new inlet necessitates the removal of the curb or if the curb is in poor condition.

**Will you be posting detour signs to alert drivers of the closures on E. Dakota?** The Project Team will place signage at S. Holly Street and E. Dakota and S. Monaco Avenue Parkway and E. Dakota to alert travelers to the road closure on E. Dakota.

**Who is responsible if my landscaping is damaged during construction?** Any landscaping disturbed by sidewalk repair work or ADA ramp installation will be restored by the contractor.

**How can residents get construction updates and more project information?** DOTI has created a webpage devoted specifically to this project, which explains the storm sewer project in more detail and will include regular updates about construction activities and impacts to the local area. Residents can check the website at [http://www.denvergov.org/WCPM](http://www.denvergov.org/WCPM), then click on “current” projects and search “Crestone Peak.”

**Will the Project Team be available to respond to questions about the project?** Residents may reach out to the project team in a variety of ways:

- For questions about active construction issues requiring an immediate response during the week:
  City of Denver On-site Project Inspector: Mark Barry, mark.barry@denvergov.org, (303) 877-6083; Duran Excavating, Contractor: Josh Duran, Project Manager, joshd@duranexcavating.com, (970) 359-1420; Larry Duran, Project Superintendent, larryd@duranexcavating.com, (970)-539-0490

- For general questions not required an immediate response:
  Project Email Address: ccd.constructionupdates@gmail.com
  Project Hotline: 720 460-9055 (English and Español)