Ellsworth Ave. Storm System Phase I

Overview
The goal of this project is to improve local drainage in the Cherry Creek East neighborhood by reducing street conveyance west toward the Cherry Creek business district. The system would intercept flows on Ellsworth Ave. and transfer them to Steele St. via a 42” storm sewer. The proposed system along Ellsworth Ave will address multiple complaints from homeowners and business owners in the area. Although the tall buildings and trees on the corridor provide winter shade which is prone to icing, the new inlets at each corner will greatly reduce the summer flooding and winter icing issues. Also included on this project, are upgraded ADA Ramps, new asphalt pavement, traffic calming bump outs for pedestrian safety and green infrastructure planters with trees and vegetation that will provide water quality improvements prior to discharging into Cherry Creek. Concrete Works of Colorado is the awarded contractor for the City and County of Denver. Construction is anticipated to begin August 2021 and take approximately eight to ten months to complete.

Potential Project Impacts: Steele St. will have a new traffic pattern from 1st Ave to Bayaud St. from mid-August to mid-November so that the downstream storm structure can be built. Road signs will be posted. Sections of Ellsworth Ave. will be closed to through traffic during construction. Although street parking will be minimized due to construction, the contractor will maintain access to driveways of residents and businesses who live and work on the corridor unless a critical construction component needs to take place adjacent to their facility. In that event, driveway entrance closures will be communicated with owners and efforts will be made to minimize these impacts. There are Denver Water mains that conflict with the new storm system alignment that will need to be lowered. There is potential for short water outages to nearby residents. Residents will be notified in advance and crews will work to restore water as quickly as possible.

Location
The project is located on Ellsworth Ave. between Cook St and Steele St.

Project Status
Construction Phase

Project Type
Storm

Council District
District 10
Representative Chris Hinds

Neighborhood
Cherry Creek

Estimated Cost
$4.2 M

Timeline
Planning – 2019
Design – 2020
Construction – 2021-2022

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