Wabash/Willow Alley and Sidewalk Improvements

Overview
Residents have provided feedback to the City and County of Denver regarding the ponding of storm water following rain events. The purpose of the Wabash/Willow Alley Improvements Project is to address ongoing storm water ponding and pooling. Under current conditions, two low points in the alley between Wabash Street and Willow Street between 11th Avenue and Richthofen Place result in ponded storm water that has a negative impact on residents whose properties back to the alley. This project includes the installation of a new 15-inch storm water pipe, a new drop inlet within the alley and regrading of the alley to funnel storm water to the existing storm pipe on Richthofen Place. The alley will then be repaved with concrete.

New sidewalks and ADA curb ramps will be installed on the north side of 11th Avenue between Willow and Verbena Street and on both sides of Richthofen Place between Willow and Wabash Street. This will result in more effective storm water drainage, improved alley surface condition, enhanced pedestrian access and safety. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-August and last for approximately 2 months. Residents will be updated later 2021 for when the alley storm sewer installation will occur, as it will be a separate phase of this project (anticipated December 2021).

Potential Project Impacts: Alley access will be restricted during construction and traffic flow on 11th Avenue and Richthofen Place between Wabash and Verbena Streets may be impacted. Temporary road closures and traffic rerouting may be necessary. Road signs will be posted. Efforts will be made to minimize these impacts. There is the potential for replacement of directly impacted residential driveways in the City and County of Denver’s Right of Way (ROW) along the alley with new concrete driveways. Property owners are advised to postpone improvement projects to alley driveways and adjacent landscaping pending completion of this project. The City and County of Denver will work with property owners whose driveways will be replaced within the ROW prior to the start of replacement activities.

Location
The storm water pipe project is located in the alley between Wabash Street and Willow Street between 11th Avenue and Richthofen Place.

The sidewalk replacements will be installed on the north side of 11th Avenue between Willow and Verbena Street and on both sides of Richthofen Place between Willow and Wabash Street.