

NASH STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT AUGUST 2010 UPDATE

“PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST!”

Quite a bit of work has been performed on the town’s Nash Street Sidewalk Project, a \$1.2 million investment in the community. The project is estimated to be complete by summer 2011. However, citizens already can walk on some of it.

FAUCETTE MILL/U.S. 70

The town’s contractor, S.T. Wooten Corp., is finishing work on Faucette Mill Road. Sidewalk, curb and gutter have been installed from Mollies Court to near the funeral home. Sidewalk and a handicap ramp are being installed at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Faucette Mill Road. New pedestrian signals and crosswalks also will be installed. Finishing work will then be done on the roadway to close what looks like a gap filled with stone. The space will be covered with asphalt.

ALLISON & CALVIN STREETS

Gold Park visitors and businesses near Allison Street and Dimmocks Mill Road have seen storm drain improvements and curb installed to help drainage after rains. Sidewalk and a handicap ramp will come next. Likewise, residents and businesses near Calvin and Nash streets have seen storm drain improvements, curb and sidewalk installed on Calvin up to Hillsborough Avenue. Similar to Faucette Mill Road, the road will be finished after the sidewalk is complete. Special video cameras were used to inspect the storm drain pipes on Calvin Street. Special equipment also was brought in to clear debris in the pipes. This will help ensure the existing pipes and new storm drain infrastructure work correctly.

HAYES, UNION & NASH STREETS

Residents near Hillsborough and Central elementary schools also are witnessing storm drain improvements — new pipes, catch basins and other devices. Video equipment also was used near Hayes Street to help address any storm drainage issues. Work to clear and repair existing pipes will be done by the town while the contractor continues to work on the project. This will help ensure the whole system flows correctly. In addition, town utilities crews made improvements to the water system. For example, a 50-year-old fire hydrant near Hillsborough Elementary School was removed! In other work, PSNC Energy has relocated natural gas lines. Additional utility work is needed at the intersection.

Curb has been installed on Hayes Street. The contractor aims to have sidewalk and curb completed on both Hayes and Union complete before Central Elementary’s first day of school, Aug. 25. Residents’ patience when crews work evenings and Saturdays is appreciated. The “after-hours” work will help ensure this deadline is met.

REVERE ROAD/NASH STREET

Revere Road is undergoing significant storm drainage improvements as well as natural gas and water line relocations to accommodate the sidewalk. Telephone and cable company lines continue to be relocated from old power poles to new ones that Duke Energy installed this past spring. When the lines are relocated and work is completed in the areas noted above, curb and sidewalk construction will start on Revere Road and then on Nash Street.

TRAFFIC/DRIVEWAYS

As work progresses and students return to school, please be mindful of the work crews, pedestrians and bicyclists. The contractor and subcontractors will continue to maintain at least one open travel lane between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

As noted during the community meetings, property owners may be asked to park their vehicles in a neighbor's driveway while concrete cures at the entrance to their driveways. Property owners/occupants will receive notice to help plan accordingly. The contractor also may need time to connect the existing driveway and the new concrete sidewalk. The town appreciates residents' patience and consideration.

SPECIAL NEEDS/EVENTS

As a reminder to residents in the affected area, please let us know if you have an upcoming event at your property or anticipate a situation that construction may affect. The town has worked with neighbors to make accommodations for a variety of situations, including a funeral, home businesses and other activities.

ENCROACHMENTS

As noted in previous letters, any remaining encroachments — such as bushes, walls or trees — in the public right-of-way will be removed. Residents who would like the contractor to move an encroachment that is marked for removal should contact Project Engineer Bobby Downes of Summit Consulting Engineers with their name, property address, location and type of item, and where it should be moved to. The contractor cannot install items, move items to a back yard or dig new holes, but the contractor will move the item aside so an owner can relocate it as desired. The town and contractors are not responsible for any damage regarding items encroaching in the public right-of-way. Nor can the town or contractors guarantee condition or survival. Owners may choose to remove items on their own without contractor assistance.

To request the contractor's help in moving an encroaching item from the public right-of-way, contact Project Engineer Bobby Downes at 732-3883 or robert.downes@summit-engineer.com. If Downes is not available, ask for Mitch Connell.

QUESTIONS/CONTACTS

Contact the town for more information if you are new to the Nash Street area and not familiar with the sidewalk project. An electronic version of the approved plans also may be viewed online. The plans are divided into sections by street name. Locate your street on the guide to find the related plan sheet number, like a page number.

Since the project is partially funded by federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, or "stimulus" funds, a Summit Consulting inspector will be in the field any time the contractor is present. At times, engineers from the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, as well as staff from other state and local agencies, also will be present.

For questions or concerns about the project, contact Assistant Town Manager Nicole Ard at 919-732-1270 Ext. 77 or nicole.ard@hillsboroughnc.org. If Ard is not available, contact Public Works Supervisor Ken Hines at 919-732-1270 Ext. 78 or ken.hines@hillsboroughnc.org.