

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Woodhaven Drive Drainage Improvement Project

Location: 8th City Council District

Project Introduction

The Woodhaven Drive Drainage Improvement Project addresses increased reports of issues within the existing drainage system in the neighborhood, including flooding. Within the project area the majority of drainage infrastructure currently consists of swales with culverts beneath driveways and roadway intersections. The purpose of this project is to improve hydraulic performance, and enhance public health and safety, by installing a piped stormwater system with inlets and roll curb to better collect and convey runoff throughout the neighborhood.

The improvements will take place primarily on Circlewood Drive, Newkirk Drive, Woodhaven Drive, Shelby Drive, Red Oak Lane, and Alberene Road. Due to the large project area, construction activity will be phased as indicated on the map below.



Project Schedule

Project Assignment: February 2020 (Hazen)

Survey & Preliminary Design: March 2020 through December 2022 (H&B Survey and Accumark)

Engineering Design: February 2023 through November 2025 (Hazen)

Construction Assignment: Phase 2 Construction Starts Early October 2026 (TUCI)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Easement Acquisition:

Temporary and permanent easements will be necessary for the project to be constructed.

RK&K, one of our on-call civil engineering firms, is helping us to coordinate and acquire the easements necessary for the Woodhaven Drive Drainage Improvement Project.

Coordination with affected property owners is underway.

Project Duration:

Our contractor, Tidewater Utility Construction, Inc. (TUCI), began mobilizing for Phase 1 construction on Tuesday, January 20th of 2026. Phase 1 construction is estimated to take a year to complete, and should wrap up in early 2027. Phase 2 construction will begin in early October of 2026. Phase 2 construction is estimated to take a year to complete. Construction activity can be expected to occur between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday through Friday each week. Construction traffic in and through the neighborhood and periodic road closures can be expected as part of the project. Temporary traffic control signs will be in place to direct drivers and traffic accordingly.

Access to homes will be maintained throughout construction.

Due to the large project area, construction activity will be phased.

It is anticipated that construction will last approximately three (3) years in total due to the scope of work, large project area, and many utility relocations required.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and patience as these necessary improvements are both planned for and implemented.

For questions, comments, or concerns specifically about any of these projects, please contact:

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