

Dailey, Janet

From: Eddy, Marla
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy; Dailey, Janet
Cc: Kahl, Dean; Rummel, Marsha; Briski, Kevin; Weinstock, James; Rutledge, Kay
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive

Janet/Christy-

Forestry Section will need to see at least one foot increase in terrace width to help preserve the large street trees and avoid root cutting. This is a viable option to help us prevent construction damage to our street trees.

Marla Eddy
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Certified Arborist #MW-0134A
Thank you for supporting your urban forest!

From: Kahl, Dean
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 11:34 AM
To: Eddy, Marla
Subject: FW: Riverside Drive

FYI – Kay and Christy’s response the the previous email.

From: Bachmann, Christy
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 2:35 PM
To: Rutledge, Kay
Cc: Kahl, Dean; Dailey, Janet
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive

The shift would only be 1 or 2 feet and would not affect the water quality at all. Yahara historic area would not prevent the shift.

From: Rutledge, Kay
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 2:25 PM
To: Bachmann, Christy
Cc: Kahl, Dean; Dailey, Janet
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive

Hey Christy – just checking in on this project. If Riverside Drive is pushed closer to the river to create more terrace area for the trees, how close does it get to the river? I’d hate to see our buffer to the river compromised, it’s equally if not more important that we protect water quality. Also, is Riverside Drive considered part of the Yahara historic area? Wasn’t sure if shifting the road would be of concern in that regard. I realize you’re staying within the ROW for the road, just want to make sure we’re striking the right balance with the changes.

You're probably in design development at this stage, but if you have any plans or schematics you can send me, I'd appreciate it.

Kay

From: Bachmann, Christy
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 6:10 PM
To: Kahl, Dean; Dailey, Janet; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Riverside Drive

Dean, we are reconstructing Riverside Drive(Willy to Rutledge) this year. We have enough right of way to shift the road towards the river. Shifting the road a foot or two will increase the residents terraces and I believe help the trees. Could you review the trees and let me know what you think.

Janet, if we do shift it you'll have to look at the grade of the walk approaching the ped bridge at Jenifer. It looks as if we may have a grade issue and will not be able to do the shift at that location.

Ald. Rummel, I know this street is narrow especially in the winter but we will not propose to widen it.

Thanks, Christy

Dailey, Janet

From: Goetz Graefe [goetzgraefe@gmail.com]
Sent: → Friday, April 09, 2010 5:02 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Cc: Barb Peters; putzerathome@yahoo.com; Helene Androski; Rummel, Marsha; lkg505@gmail.com; friendsofyaharariverparkway@yahoogroups.com; Rutledge, Kay
Subject: Re: [fyrp] RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Hi to all,

Given that there are strong sentiments and good reasons to protect the trees on the residential side of the street, as well as strong sentiments and good reasons to protect the park along Yahara River, I suggest considering narrowing the pavement as part of a compromise.

The current width of 22' is too narrow for two cars to pass each other at full residential speed where a third car is parked. If truly required, two cars can pass each other slowly, however. The same is true for a pavement width of 20' or 21' -- too narrow to pass at full speed (where a third car is parked) yet wide enough to pass one another slowly.

Also, even where a truck might be parked, the remaining roadway would be wide enough for a fire truck or ambulance to rush down the street.

During winter, most snow should be plowed onto the park land. The widened terrace between roadway and side walk would create sufficient space to hold all snow plowed or shoveled there. This is not always the case today. Therefore, widening the terrace would better permit keeping the side walks wide open for wheel chairs, child carriages, etc. A narrowly or poorly cleared side walk might be annoying for a healthy person, but it can be an insurmountable obstacle for an elderly or handicapped person.

Best regards,
Goetz Graefe
521 Riverside Dr

On Fri, Apr 9, 2010 at 10:15 AM, Dailey, Janet <jdailey@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hello to all,

I just wanted to let you know that we are mailing out our information letter today regarding the plans and the public hearing notice. Again, the meeting will be on April 21st and we encourage all to attend. As of right now we are proposing to shift the roadway one foot, but that this is just our proposal at this time and is subject to change. We are trying to obtain the opinion from City Forestry to help everyone make an informed decision. We can provide that information at the meeting on the 21st. The Public Hearing will allow for those wishing to provide their opinion and input on the matter and I anticipate that is when the actual decision will be made. If you cannot attend the meeting on the 21st we will ensure that your comments are heard and will provide the correspondence on this project to the Board members so they can take it into account when they make their determination.

Thank you for all your comments as we move forward.

Janet Dailey, PE

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From: Barb Peters [<mailto:beeinthegarden@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 7:59 AM
To: putzerathome@yahoo.com; Helene Androski; Rummel, Marsha
Cc: lkg505@gmail.com; Dailey, Janet; friendsofyaharariverparkway@yahogroups.com; Rutledge, Kay; goetzgraefe@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [fyrrp] RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Greetings--

I agree with Helene that the trees on the terrace of Riverside should be protected during road reconstruction. The recommendation by the city forester to widen the terrace by two feet seems measured and sound. I, too, would like to know what he thinks of widening the terrace by one foot only. Would that amount of extra land be of comparable benefit to the trees?

The question as I see it is how can we best protect each tree's roots and feeder root dripline?

The maturity of the trees along this street enhance the overall aesthetic of Yahara Parkway. These trees also provide shade to the houses on summer afternoons when the sun swings to the south and west.

I appreciate that the Friends of Yahara Parkway want to protect that strip of land and keep it as wide as possible. They have shown diligence in caring for the park.

So in regard to a compromise, I can envision and would probably be in favor of several alternatives to taking away two feet of that parkland:

1. As suggested by Alder Marsha in this email thread, add one foot to the terrace and take away one foot from the park.
2. Add one foot to the terrace and forego widening the street. The street would thus be one foot smaller than today.

3. Add two feet to the terrace and forego widening the street. Shrinking the street, whether by one or two feet, could have the added benefit of traffic calming.

I understand there are issues with shrinking the street by any amount, but perhaps city engineers would consider the matter once again. Shrinking the street by one foot would be a compromise to shrinking it by two.

Again, I fall in favor of doing all we can to protect the terrace trees when digging up the road and the driveways begin.

Sincerely,

Barb Peters
521 Riverside

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Date: Thu, 8 Apr 2010 12:04:05 -0700
From: putzerathome@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: [fyrr] RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction
To: handroski@library.wisc.edu; district6@cityofmadison.com
CC: lkg505@gmail.com; beeinthegarden@hotmail.com; jdailey@cityofmadison.com;
friendsofyaharariverparkway@yahoogroups.com; KRutledge@cityofmadison.com

Hi Marsha,

As a 30 year neighborhood resident, let me speak in favor of preserving the park space, and not widening the terrace.

The compromise of splitting the difference and "only" widening the terrace 1 foot still represents hundreds of square feet of lost parkland. As Mr. Jensen pointed out in a previous message, "This is a loss of park space in a park deficient part of the city."

In addition, the existing terrace is already wide enough for health tree growth, as evidenced by the numerous healthy trees already thriving all along this block.

I don't see a "need" to widen the terrace during this reconstruction, particularly at the expense of our precious and limited park space.

Thank you,

Tom Putzer
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<KRutledge@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thu, April 8, 2010 12:50:45 PM
Subject: [fyrr] RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction

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Thanks,
Helene

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> From: Helene Androski [handroski@library.wisc.edu]

> Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 9:43 AM

> To: Rummel, Marsha

> Cc: Larry Gray; Barb Graefe; Dailey, Janet; friendsofyahararive rparkway@yahoogroups.com; Rutledge, Kay

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Dailey, Janet

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 10:28 PM
To: Bethany & David Pluymers; Tom Putzer
Cc: Dailey, Janet
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Hi Dave-

The idea was to give more space to terrace trees, a good thing, but most people who have contacted me don't want to give up any parkway.

Nice to hear from you Dave!! Hope you and Bethany and kids are doing well.

Marsha

From: Bethany & David Pluymers [pluymers@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 5:12 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha; Tom Putzer
Subject: Re: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Hi Marsha,

I'd like to "second" Tom Putzer's comments.

As I biked home today, I took a look at the Riverside terrace - paying close attention to it's width and to the trees.

Although I did not take any measurements, the terrace does not appear to be any more narrow than other terraces in our neighborhood. It like to reiterate Tom's point that the trees look healthy.

Honestly, I don't understand the proposal to widen the terrace and to narrow the parkway.

I'm in support of keeping the Parkway as wide as possible.

Thanks.

Dave Pluymers
502 Clemons Avenue

----- Original Message -----

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Dailey, Janet

From: Alan Ramsey [alramsey1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 4:44 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive

Thanks!

--- On Wed, 4/7/10, Dailey, Janet <jdailey@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

From: Dailey, Janet <jdailey@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive
To: "'Alan Ramsey'" <alramsey1@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 4:36 PM

Hello Alan,

We did have a good discussion on Monday. It was mostly about the logistics of the construction and taking feedback on the proposed plan. I've attached the informational sheet that was passed out at the meeting.

This is a good summary of what was discussed. I'd like to point out that there is one significant item that will likely be modified based on the meeting and comments from the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway. The informational sheet notes that the City is proposing to shift the street (not widen...just shift) 2 ft towards the river. With the feedback we received we are now only proposing a minor shift of one foot to help with the terrace trees. We are hoping that this compromise will be agreeable to all.

I am, at this moment as a matter of fact, working on a letter and schedule of assessments that will be mailed this Friday for a public hearing on the 21st of April. We will present the project again at that time and it will be determined if the project will proceed. You are invited to that meeting as well if you wish to attend. If not I can certainly try to help answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Janet

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From: Alan Ramsey [mailto:aramsey1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 4:19 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Subject: Riverside Drive

Hi Ms. Dailey,

I live on Riverside Drive but was unable to make the meeting last Monday April 5th at Bethany Church as I was out of town. I wonder if I missed important information about the project, or if you or one of your staff have a synopsis of the project or minutes from the meeting? If not I certainly understand.

Thank you,

Alan Ramsey

341 Riverside Dr.

Dailey, Janet

From: Dailey, Janet
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 9:02 AM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: RE: coordination between work on Division and Riverside
Attachments: RE: Division St

Hi Alder Rummel,
I've gotten some idea of the coordination effort with the Division Street project from Glen Yoerger (see attached). It sounds like his project will be coming to a close right around the same time as this one starts. We will write it into the contract that they cannot close down Rutledge street until Division Street is open to access the market. I will discuss this further with our traffic engineering department and make sure there is way to get to the Market. It may require finding a different route but it will still be accessible from the neighborhood.

Janet

-----Original Message-----

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 12:24 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Subject: coordination between work on Division and Riverside

After the meeting talked for a while with Hanna Cook-Wallace. She is very concerned that the work is staggered between projects and to be careful not to do first blocks off Winnie @ Riverside and Division at the same time.

Dailey, Janet

From: Yoerger, Glen
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 2:10 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Cc: Tao, Yang
Subject: RE: Division St

Janet,

We set up the Division Street project to be constructed in phases to keep better access to Jenifer Street Market and Scheops Ice Cream.

Busses will be using Thornton Ave as a detour route.

The current schedule is:

6/1 thru 6/11 – Start work on Schurz and Lakeland Ave. Division Street and Helena Street Remain open until 6/14 after school is out. No impact on Jenifer Street market and Scheops.

6/14 thru 7/25– Contractor is allowed to close Division from Lakeland to the loading docks for Jenifer Street Market and Scheops Ice Cream (about 100' north of the Jenifer Steet/Division Street intersection). Access to Jenifer Street market can be from north via Division to Helena to Russell to Jenifer Street. Or from the west via Thornton to Rutledge to Russel to Jenifer Street. Street segments included in this phase must be opened to two-traffic by 7/25.

7/26 thru 8/11 – work on Helena Street. All other streets will be open.

8/12 thru 9/3 – Work on Division Street from north side of Jenifer Street Intersection to Eastwood Dr, Division Street closed to through traffic. Rutledge and Division between Rutledge and Jenifer/Oakridge will be open. Jenifer Street Market can be accessed from the west via Rutledge to Division or from the north via Russell. At this point the busses stop using Thornton and go back to the normal route of Spaight to Rutledge to Division to Oakridge.

When is Riverside suppose to start?

Thanks,
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gyoerger@cityofmadison.com

From: Dailey, Janet
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 10:29 AM
To: Yoerger, Glen
Subject: Division St

Glen, are you doing Division this year? What is the proposed start work for that one? The neighbors on the Riverside project have concerns with our project hindering access to the Jenifer Market since there is limited access to the neighborhood. If our projects are happening at the same time the only real access from the west may be from Russell St (if Division, Rutledge and Riverside are all under construction at the same time). I was just wondering what you had discussed with them so I can know how to answer the questions when they come up.

Thanks
Janet

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Sincerely,
Helene Androski
505 Riverside Drive

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From: edjepsen tds.net [edjepsen@tds.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:09 AM
To: Dailey, Janet; Friends; Rummel, Marsha; Rutledge, Kay
Subject: Re: Riverside Drive Reconstruction

Hi Janet,
We would be happy to work with you, Parks, Alder Rummel, MNA and the neighbors. Please contact the Friends through me and we will arrange a suitable representative for the project discussions.
Thanks,
Ed

On Wed, Apr 7, 2010 at 5:05 PM, Dailey, Janet <jdailey@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Ed, Thank you for your comments. It was clear during our meeting that some of the residents shared your same concerns with regard to lost park space and the staging and equipment concerns during the construction. As Marsha has mentioned, based on the feedback from the informational meeting and your concerns with the park space we are proposing a minor shift of one foot at this time. It will help with the tree conflicts on the easterly side of the roadway and we are hoping this will be a good compromise for all. The shifted roadway will still be confined to the right of way and we will work with the contractor to come up with an equipment and material storage area that will minimize the impact on the park. If it is possible to work with you and the parks department to identify areas that would be agreeable as storage areas ahead of time we can work to incorporate that into our bid documents. As you know the construction limits are very confined at this area and parking is a premium. With the narrow roadways this will be a challenge so I don't think it is realistic to promise that no storage on the river side of the road would be allowed but it would be contained to the right of way and not directly on park lands. We are keenly aware of the issues and we will do what we can to make the impacts as minimal as we can make them. Again, any additional guidance from you and the Friends group is appreciated so we understand the concerns and they are identified ahead of time.

We will provide the proposed grading limits for the project. There will likely be a new outfall constructed to the river as it has been noted that this area has flooding issues and the storm sewer appears to be undersized. The City is proposing to install catch basins in this area as well to trap the sediment that would normally just go to the river.

We will be holding a Public Hearing before the Board of Public Works scheduled for April 21st. If you are interested in attending I can send you the information.

Thank you again,

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To: edjepsen tds.net; Dailey, Janet; Phillips, Rob; Rutledge, Kay
Cc: Friends
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive Reconstruction

Thanks Ed. I appreciate your speedy report and thoughtful comments. Many neighbors tonight either agreed with FYRP or wondered if the the 2' could be split between the terrace and parkway.

Marsha

From: edjepsen tds.net [edjepsen@tds.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 12:06 AM
To: Rummel, Marsha; Dailey, Janet; Phillips, Rob; Rutledge, Kay
Cc: Friends
Subject: Riverside Drive Reconstruction

Greetings Marsha and Janet,

The board of the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway (FYRP) discussed the Riverside Drive construction

project at our monthly meeting this evening. The following represents a consensus position of the Friends board.

In general, we support the proposed reconstruction and infrastructure improvements. We support keeping the street at a 22 foot width.

However, our support is tempered by one major objection. We do not support nor do we see the need for the realignment of the street two feet toward the river. We object for the following reasons:

- It essentially takes community parkland and adds it to public right of way maintained by private parties on the residential side of the street. This is a loss of park space in a park deficient part of the city.
- It represents a net loss of greenspace in an increasingly more dense urban setting.
- The existing terrace width is fairly common on the isthmus and even generous compared to many nearby streets such as Jennifer/Oakridge, Williamson and Winnebago.
- For the existing mature trees, proper watering, root care and pruning by neighbors and city/utility/construction crews is even more important, especially during the construction period, than a two foot wider terrace after construction.
- Taking park space to realign the road will probably result in more construction disturbance on the remaining narrower park space.

We request city engineering identify and share with neighbors the anticipated park areas to be disturbed by construction activities (e.g., storage areas for pipe, equipment and other aspects of the project such as storm outlet changes). Having observed numerous bridge and street reconstruction projects we have noted that parklands become de facto storage and parking areas.

We appreciate vital urban reconstruction projects often need to work in confined spaces that are challenging for contractors, city staff and neighbors alike. We also believe Parks and Engineering staff earnestly seek to minimize impacts to our parklands. Please be aware that the portion of the parkway potentially affected by this project has received considerable volunteer attention and funding from both city and private sources to enhance this public space.

We encourage you to protect these parklands by minimizing disturbance, soil compaction and root damage to the existing park plantings and rigorously controlling erosion to protect water quality in the Yahara River and Lake Monona.

Sincerely,
Ed Jepsen
Chair FYRP board

Dailey, Janet

From: Kahl, Dean
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 7:30 AM
To: Dailey, Janet
Cc: Meiller, Brian
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive Project

Janet,

Forestry should be able to plant a tree in front of 337 Riverside.

For most engineering reconstruction projects, we plant replacements for trees that were removed during the project along with planting any other available spaces the spring after the project is complete. We would normally take care of the species selection and marking the planting spots in the fall, after all the projects across the city are complete.

Let me know if you want us to respond to or contact to homeowner.

Dean

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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 2:45 PM
To: Kahl, Dean
Subject: FW: Riverside Drive Project

Hi Dean, the property owner at 337 Riverside is requesting a tree be planted when this project is completed. Could you please let me know if this is possible? I couldn't see a reason why not but it's always good to check first.

Thanks
Janet

From: Colin Good [mailto:colin.good@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 4:06 PM
To: Dailey, Janet
Subject: Riverside Drive Project

Greetings Janet:

My name is Colin Good and I attended last night's presentation regarding this summer's construction project on Riverside Drive. Unfortunately, I had to leave early and was unable to ask you two questions in regards to the project.

First, when we bought our house at 337 the seller's stated that they had replaced the existing hook-up to the city sewers and we would therefore not have to incur the same procedure when this project started. I am wondering whether we have a new hook-up to the city sewer and whether that changes whether or not we will incur this aspect of the project?

Second, I believe we are the only lot on Riverside that does not have a tree on the parkway. Is it possible for the Urban Forestry to plant a tree during the project, assuming the parkway is increased two feet?

Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Colin Good
337 Riverside Drive

Dailey, Janet

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 12:20 AM
To: G Conniff
Cc: Dailey, Janet; Bachmann, Christy
Subject: RE: Riverside Reconstruction

Hi Greg-

The idea was the City Foresters: move the street over 2' to protect terrace trees. They are at risk whenever lateral work and street repair is done. BTW according to Engineering staff, the 2' is in the city right of way, it is not technically the parkway. But I understand it takes away from open space and feels like a loss.

Ed left before the meeting ended. Others questioned the proposal and one idea residents had was to split the difference.

The plan is not a done deal. The project specs will go to Board of Public Works and you can contact them via email or attend the hearing. I'm copying Janet Dailey and Christy Bachmann, two of the Engineers involved so they know of your concerns.

Thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Marsha

From: G Conniff [gconniff@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Riverside Reconstruction

Marsha

I received the Friends of the Yahara River Parkway letter regarding the reconstruction of Riverside Drive and the taking of two feet of parkway to expand the terrace on the other side of the street. I am thoroughly in support of the position the letter takes. Perhaps I'm missing something but for the life of me I can't imagine a resident of that street being delighted by more terrace and less park -- and they're the ones most immediately involved. Where did this idea come from and what is its logic? I'm baffled and angry. What can be done to alter this plan?

Thank you for all your work for the neighborhood and the city.

Greg Conniff

Dailey, Janet

From: Rummel, Marsha
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 10:46 PM
To: Chris Lukas
Cc: Fahrney, John; Bachmann, Christy; Dailey, Janet; Winter, Mark
Subject: RE: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Hi Chris-

I am organizing a neighborhood meeting April 5 to give everyone the opportunity to share their concerns with me and Engineering staff. Then there will be a public hearing at the Board of Public Works. There is no plan to widen the street. As a result of the outcry over the unfortunate loss of trees during the Spaight St reconstruction last summer, the city has adopted new standards and specs that create a better process for protecting street trees.

Some initial discussion between myself and staff has revolved around the geometrics of the right turn off Winnebago, the length of the crosswalk to allow both bicyclists and motor vehicle drivers to have sufficient time to cross the intersection, and the idea of a table top at the T of Jenifer and Riverside. As you may know I lived at the corner of Jenifer and Clemons for many years and heard my friends and neighbors complain about speed and how narrow parked cars made the street. It certainly slowed me down as a driver!

You should have received an invite to the n'hood meeting, it will be at Bethany Evangelical Church, April 5, starting at 6:30p.

Thanks for contacting me
Marsha

From: Chris Lukas [lukas@luhala.com]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Cc: Fahrney, John
Subject: Riverside Drive reconstruction

Marsha,

We received a notice in the mail recently about reconstruction of Riverside Drive. There's a public meeting in a week or so which I may not be able to attend.

What I'm wondering is whether, based upon the complaints about Spaight reconstruction, we have standards or recommendations in place for reconstruction design. That particular project had a lot of complaints about loss of trees.

When Division was reconstructed a few years ago, we affected neighbors had to really complain a lot about several issues including tree loss and widening / physical reconfiguration to get the plan modified.

I think it would save a lot of headache and time for everyone to bring up these issues in advance of the public meeting so that it goes smoothly.

I feel strongly that the street should not be widened and that we should try to preserve trees on both sides of the street. The current width of the street keeps traffic slightly calmed even though cars already go too fast in my opinion.

I don't speak for everyone on the street but my guess is that most feel the same way.

Thanks.

- Chris Lukas
321 Riverside Dr.