



COMMISSIONERS:
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March 17, 2025

RE: **Belle Meade Boulevard Beautification and Pedestrian Safety Project**

Dear Residents,

We have received many comments and questions about the Belle Meade Boulevard Beautification and Pedestrian Safety Plan (“the Plan”). Based on heartfelt reactions from some residents, we will re-double our efforts at communication and public engagement to ensure that residents have access to responsible fact-based information. Please be assured that your opinions are important and are being heard.

The intent of developing the Plan is to review the proposed changes and to be able to evaluate possible design improvements in the context of continued community engagement and probable costs. Safety issues along Belle Meade Boulevard continue to increase and we must have a Plan to mitigate these issues so that we can take appropriate actions moving forward.

Here are some important facts about the proposed project:

- **The proposed project is not a “done deal” nor a “final plan.”**
 - Commissioners authorized the project engineers to take a concept for improvements and begin to develop design plans early this calendar year.
 - The estimated delivery of concept plans is projected for early April 2025.
 - Upon delivery of those design plans, City Commissioners and the public will have the first opportunity to see this proposed concept with measurements and proposed dimensions on the plan sheets.
- **No plan has been approved by the Belle Meade Commission.**
 - According to the current schedule, the design is proposed to be developed through three review periods:
 - first review at delivery of concept plans (April 2025),
 - second review at final concept plans (June 2025), and

- final construction plans (August 2025).
 - After incorporating comments and revisions from each of those reviews, the Commissioners will be presented with final construction plans and a set of project specifications.
 - Additionally, final plans will be submitted with a final, updated engineer’s opinion of probable cost before final adoption by the Commissioners and prior to the City advertising bids for construction.
 - Although subject to change, the current project schedule anticipates delivery of final plans in August 2025.
- **No budget or financial commitment of any kind has been made toward construction.**
 - No funds have been allocated for construction of any pedestrian improvements on Belle Meade Boulevard.
 - The current budget included funds to support engaging project consultants, including the engineers, to explore various options for addressing beautification, safety, and traffic calming on Belle Meade Boulevard.

We encourage you to follow the City’s website as well as subscribe to our monthly newsletter for updates on this and other news within the City of Belle Meade. The City website and the monthly newsletter, available both by USPS and email, continue to be the primary sources of communication for accurate information.

Sincerely,

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