



THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH

Public Works Department Technical Services Division

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

The information below is the promised response to questions and concerns raised at our March 24, 2016 Orange Avenue Infrastructure Improvements project construction progress meeting that were submitted on the comments/questions cards. We are sending it out to everyone on the original mailing list in addition to the persons who submitted the question. We want to extend a special Thank You to those who were able to take the time out of their busy schedules to attend and participate in the progress meeting.

Orange Avenue Project Public Meeting Questions & Responses March 24, 2016

Q. Where is the Mayor, Commissioners other than Paula Reed not here?

A. The Mayor did attend. The project progress meeting presentation was a Public Works Department staff event responsibility. The meeting was focused on providing the most up to date information by reviewing the project status and technical issues.

Q. Is this area important to them?

A. Elected officials are public servants with many scheduled obligations and responsibilities that need to be addressed in order to serve the many interests of all of their constituents. The wellbeing of the community and constituents is always important to them.

Q. How long is How long? The Midtown (Midtown-Newtown) needs someone to represent them and get things done. The question is where is Jim Chisholm? Why doesn't he come and walk the streets and know the situation and understand what is needed in this area. One hour is not enough time to address the questions. The process indicates that we have always been over-looked in this area. How long is How long?

A. The responsibility for management of this project is a Public Works Dept. staff responsibility. There is a Public Information Project Liaison, Mr. Thomas Huger, which is always available to answer project questions. Mr. Huger is the City's representative and is responsible for daily updates and communications with citizens impacted by the project. The City Manager has walked Orange Avenue with City staff and is regularly briefed on all facets of the project.

Q. Why has it been 40 years since it was done?

A. Until 2012/2013, Orange Avenue was a County roadway responsibility. The city moved forward with the project design of the improvements shortly after assuming roadway responsibility from the County and getting a loan from the State of Florida FDEP to pay for the work.

Q. How much & what % of the overall project cost was attributable (dedicated for) M-O-T?

A. The Contractor's Original Project Bid/Budget includes \$438,000.00 allocated for Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). Field modifications increased MOT Budget by approximately \$20,000.00. This equates to approximately 4% of their overall contract value.

Q. Why wasn't more easements or property rights requested to increase working of construction?

A. The delays and costs to define survey and acquire temporary private easements for construction was determined not to be cost or time beneficial to the project or residents since the primary time consuming work was for upgrading underground utilities and they were already located in the right of way.

Q. Why did not one person come into my business to communicate construction plans/challenges/changes?

A. Thomas Huger states that he visited Daytona People Pharmacy on 1/2/15, 2/5/15, 2/20/15, 3/10/15, 3/11/15, 7/25/16 and other drop-ins, dates not recorded. There were visits during the time of preparing advertising and the regular visits.

Q. Once area from Nova to Keech opened up-why did it take almost 8 months to complete?

A. Subsurface conditions Nova Road to past Keech Street-Several weeks of delay replacing existing bad soils with quality soils. Underground utility condition and locations varied greatly from what was expected. There were weather delays.

Q. During the 8 months area in front of 955 Orange Ave Plaza closed-Why was there not more people working on that area? I noticed that most days of week were there was very little people working constantly. Seems like workers "jumped to other areas, but there were not constantly working on one.

A. Orange Avenue was completely closed to vehicular traffic from August 28, 2014 to February, 24 2015. This equates to just under six (6) Months of full closure. The Contractor's forces were performing smaller operations working in the Sections from Nova to Caroline and from Keech to Adams, including Adams Street. Also, the Sanitary Gravity System reconstruction had to begin at its lowest point, which is at the intersection of Adams and Maley, where it proceeded towards the Keech St. Intersection. This sequence allowed the Keech Street Intersection to remain open to traffic for the longest period possible before complete reconstruction. If the Contractor had elected to close Keech St. earlier, the roadway from Caroline to Keech (area in question) would have been unusable due to Keech being blocked. Paving Orange Avenue from Caroline to Keech prior to the Keech Street Intersection reconstruction work wouldn't have improved the local traffic. 955 Plaza has no entrances on the Orange Avenue side

Q. After coming to Commission meetings, after talking & expressing my worries my concerns – Why didn't any person contact me (from their own accord)? I felt unappreciated – talking for what reason? My commissioner nor Mayor did not contact me. Why is that?

A. Mr. Thomas Huger is the Public Works Staff person that is delegated the responsibility for meeting with the corridor residents and business owners to answer first hand any and all questions. He has been on the job from the beginning and available by phone, e-mail or regular mail. Mr. Huger's telephone number is 386-671-8750 and email is HugerT@codb.us

Q. Which intersections along Orange Avenue will have APS (accessible pedestrian signals)?

A. Keech Street; Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; Segrave Avenue; Ridgewood Avenue; Palmetto Avenue and Beach Street

Q. I would like to know when will it be done.

A. September 12, 2016 is the current completion date barring delays due to weather or any unforeseen circumstances.

Q. Why weren't the citizens informed when the plans changed on the progression of the work? From 7 phases beginning at nova toward Beach Street.

A. Mr. Huger provides the following record of informational events in the community that addressed project progress:

The City had 3 community meetings to discuss the project;
Prior to June 5, 2014 @ the Dickerson Center
June 5, 2014 @ Peninsula Club
Oct 1, 2015 @ City Hall

Additional communications included:

Oct 2, 2014 Flyers with 2 week summary
Dec 29, 2014 Flyers upcoming full closures & general details of business signage
Mar 11, 2015 Flyers with map of detours
Mar 30, 2015 Summary for upcoming closures for construction flyers
Numerous 1 on 1 drop-ins on businesses by City, Consulting Engineers and Contractors

Q. If there would have been quarterly, annual, etc. spot checks on infrastructure on Orange Av would it have prevented the flooding back in 2009?

A. The flooding would not have been prevented if the County had been inspecting their roadway because their existing roadway stormwater drainage system was not adequately sized to handle the high volume of rain received from the record setting storm event.

Q. When someone has come on your property and do or install something, why do they not let you know in advance?

A. The contractor is required to inform property owners when working on items such as driveways that have the potential to significantly inconvenience a property owner. They do this either by leaving a door hanger if no one is home or knocking on the door and talking to the resident.

Q. How long is it expected that these improvements will last?

A. The roadway will be a permanent transportation facility. The new asphalt surface and pavement markings will need to be replaced and rejuvenated every 10 to 15 years depending upon traffic volumes and associated wear and tear. The concrete work will only require normal maintenance. Concrete replacement will typically only be needed if there is abuse by vehicle (truck and car) owners driving across the sidewalk or if there is unanticipated settlement or damage by other unrelated post-completion activities adjacent to the concrete areas.

Q. Plant was dug up, not replanted, what can be done about this?

A. The contractor and/or the City was not aware of the plant issue. They have been in contact with the owner since the meeting.

Q. Water running from street and it ran into my back yard, some areas are muddy, what can be done about this?

A. This was the result on an accidental break in an existing old waterline. This was repaired shortly after the City was notified and the spilled water dried up.

Respectfully submitted by:

The Orange Avenue Infrastructure Improvement Project public information meeting team