

CITY OF ORLANDO

MILLS AVENUE (US 17/92) IMPROVEMENTS (CITY PROJECT #2679)

District 3 Commissioner Robert Stuart & District 4 Commissioner Patty Sheehan

Project Update:

The Mills Avenue Improvement project is a roadway improvement project between Virginia Drive and Dorchester Street and also includes the intersections at Marks Street and Lake Highland Drive. Construction began on January 4, 2010 and as of March 3, 2010, approximately 25% of the construction has been completed.

Work Items Completed in the Past two Months:

- A new 6' sidewalk has been placed on the west side of Mills from Rollins to Dorchester Streets.
- A new 12' wide multi-use trail is under construction from Princeton to Dorchester Streets.
- Drainage modifications and improvements are under way between Princeton and Virginia Streets.
- New concrete dedicated parking spaces are under construction between Princeton and Rollins Streets.

Upcoming Work Items:

- Construction of a new pedestrian bridge over Lake Estelle is scheduled to begin in Mid March 2010.
- Marks Street and Lake Highland Drive drainage and intersection improvements are scheduled for early March 2010
- Replacement of Damaged Concrete Slabs on Mills Avenue is scheduled to start in April 2010.
- Signal pole upgrades are scheduled to start at Virginia/Nebraska/Princeton in mid March

Potential Noise and Traffic Impacts:

- Pile driving for the new pedestrian bridge over Lake Estelle is scheduled to start 3/16/10 between the hours of 7AM and 6PM, in accordance with City Code. Anticipate increased noise for a period of 3 to 4 days.
- Intersection improvements at Lake Highland and Marks street intersections are scheduled to begin 3/9/10 through 3/26/10. This will be a nighttime operation between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:30AM, Sunday to Thursday night. Anticipate increased noise and lane closures/detours.
- Traffic lanes on Mills Avenue between Virginia and Rollins/Lake Shore will be shifted to the west in mid March. Anticipate night time lane closures for 1 to 2 nights.
- New signal foundations will be constructed at Nebraska, Princeton and Virginia. Three of the four foundations at Virginia will be constructed during night time operations between the hours of 8:30PM and 6:30AM. All other foundations are scheduled to be constructed during day time hours. Anticipate increased noise during the construction and possible lane closures/detours.

- The replacement of concrete slabs will require some lane closures. Due to the high volume of traffic on Mills Avenue, the lane closures will occur Monday through Friday during the evening and early morning hours between 8:30 PM and 6:30 AM.

Although there will be noise and disruptions from the construction, the City will work with the contractor to minimize these as much as possible.

Project Cost

The Mills Improvement project is a federally funded local agency program project with a construction cost of approximately \$3.3 million.

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