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Subject: Re: Barton Drive Project Update

Thanks, everyone! Could this Q & A email chain be uploaded to the project webpage for reference and transparency?

Anne

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 AM

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Subject: RE: Barton Drive Project Update

Carlene Colvin-Garcia,
Staff's responses are below.

Q1:

Does Resolution 20-0328 have any co-dependency to the approval of Resolutions 20-0440 and 20-441 "Res No. 3 Establish a public hearing for the Barton Drive water main replacement and resurfacing project special assessment" (for Districts 55 and 60)?

Response: There is no co-dependency between R-0328 and the two Resolution #3 for SAD #55 and SAD #60. However, Resolution 3 simply sets a date for the public hearing. If Council approved 20-0328 but defeated 20-0440 and 20-0441, the sidewalks would not be installed on the 2020 Barton project.

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Qs 2 - 5:

In today's update email, you wrote: "If written objections to the sidewalk are received from owners of properties which bear over 50% of the district's special assessment amount, an affirmative vote of 8 members of the Council is required to approve Resolution #4."

- Can you explain what you mean by this?

Response: If over 50% of the assessment cost in each district files an official objection to the City Clerk, the 8 of 11 Voting Councilmembers would have to approve it.

- Which properties would bear over 50% of the district's special assessment amount?

Response: I believe 415, 515, and 527 Barton have objected, and their combined length represents 54.6% of District #55, so an 8 vote approval would likely be required for Resolution 4.

- Does the Barton Dr. resurfacing project carry other costs in addition to filling sidewalk gaps that will be assessed to property owners?

Response: No. Had we installed curb and gutter where there is none currently present, for drainage purposes for example, that would have been assessed, but that was not necessary.

- Wouldn't the passage of Res 20-0328 reduce the special assessment amount to affected property owners by 50%?

Response: Yes.

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STAY HOME – STAY SAFE – SAVE LIVES

From: Carlene Colvin-Garcia <colvingarcia@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:50 PM

To: Allen, Jane (Engineering) <JAllen2@a2gov.org>; Allen, Jane (Engineering) <JAllen2@a2gov.org>

Cc: Bannister, Anne <ABannister@a2gov.org>; Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org>

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Hello, Jane -

Thank you very much for your update on this project!

And Thank You for creating Res. 20-0328 "3/16/20 - Resolution to reallocate \$100,500 from the Resident-Driven Sidewalk Gap Filling Program to the Barton Drive Improvement Project and the Jackson Avenue Sidewalk Gap Project." It presents a very compelling argument in favor of utilizing the funds allocated last November for responding to existing resident-driven sidewalk gap filling requests. *Most importantly, it will reduce assessment costs to affected property owners to approximately 50% of the cost, some of whom might risk losing their homes if this resolution does not pass.* The \$45,500 left over will be used to pay for staff time to establish program criteria and process program applications.

My questions to you and Council Members Bannister and Hayner are:

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- Wouldn't the passage of Res 20-0328 reduce the special assessment amount to affected property owners by 50%?

Thank you in advance for your response to my questions.

All the best,
-Carlene

Carlene Colvin-Garcia
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On Friday, April 3, 2020, 1:10:53 PM EDT, Allen, Jane (Engineering) <jallen2@a2gov.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon All,

This email is to update you on the status of the proposed new sidewalk associated with the Barton Drive Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing project and next steps. As you may be aware, the Special Assessment Process for the Barton Drive Sidewalk Gaps (District #55 Brede to Pontiac & District #60 Barton at Starwick) includes 4 resolutions that must be passed by City Council for the sidewalk installations to move forward. Resolution #1 for both Special Assessment Districts was approved in July 2019, which authorized the City to prepare plans, specifications and cost estimates for this project. Since that time, the City has progressed the project forward and have held two public meetings for affected residents: a public meeting to introduce the project and receive feedback, and an administrative hearing as part of the special assessment process. In addition to these meetings, we have met individually with residents and owners to work through specific concerns related to the sidewalk placement, grading easements, retaining walls, vegetation and drainage impacts, and adjusted the design to accommodate concerns wherever possible. The City will continue to work with residents on finalizing temporary grading permits, and addressing your concerns to the best of our ability. Please continue to reach out to us if you have any additional questions and/or comments.

On February 18, 2020, Resolution #2 was also approved for both districts. The next step in the project schedule is City Council consideration of Resolution #3 on April 6th. The purpose of Resolution #3 is to set the Public Hearing date (proposed for May 4th) for the project. Upon the approval of Resolution #3, all property owners within the special assessment district will be invited to attend the Public Hearing to voice their opinions on the sidewalk project. At this same Council meeting (tentatively May 4th), Councilmembers will be asked to vote on Resolution #4, which approves the final assessment roll and moves the project toward construction.

The sidewalk special assessment districts along Barton Drive have been separated into two resolutions: one for the sidewalk on the north side of Barton Between Brede Place and Pontiac Trail and one for the corner of Barton Drive and Starwick Drive intersection on the north side of Barton Drive and the west side of Starwick Drive that is missing sidewalk. These are two separate districts, which means one may still be approved if the other is not. If written objections to the sidewalk are received from owners of properties which bear over 50% of the district's special assessment amount, an affirmative vote of 8 members of the Council is required to approve Resolution #4. Property owners within the special assessment district wanting to voice opposition to the project should contact the City Clerk's Office (cityclerk@a2gov.org). The project is anticipated to start work in the Summer of 2020.

Please continue to reach out to us if you have any additional questions and/or comments regarding the above process, costs or schedule.

You are receiving this email because you provided your email address on a meeting sign-in sheet, were identified as a stakeholder in this discussion, or have otherwise expressed an interest in this discussion. If you do not wish to receive any further communication on this topic, please respond to JAllen2@a2gov.org to be removed from our mailing list.

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