



Mobility Department
Stormwater Engineering Division

Hyde Park Groundwater Diversion Project Project Fact Sheet

Project Background

The City of Tampa's Hyde Park Groundwater Diversion Project is a neighborhood enhancement project located in the Hyde Park Historic District, as marked in orange on the map below. Construction kicks off October 9, 2023. The project will provide continued relief to chronic ponding issues on sidewalks and streets associated with groundwater seepage by installing underdrains below the sidewalks to intercept groundwater and divert it to the existing storm sewer system along Bayshore Boulevard. The project will improve sidewalks and road surface conditions for safer walking, biking, and driving.

These improvements may cause temporary inconveniences during construction, such as sidewalk closures, parking restricted to one side of the street or use of the right of way for construction materials. The City and their construction partners are committed to minimizing these impacts and providing citizens with sustainable solutions that will enhance the quality of life for all residents. The construction will occur one street at a time, block by block and on one side at a time, with restoration done as the work proceeds.



Estimated Project Schedule:

To minimize the impacts on residences, businesses and schools within the project area, the City's intent is to construct the project on a block-by-block basis in general accordance with the following schedule:

Construction Start: October 2023

Delaware Avenue (Bayshore to Inman Ave):	October – Christmas 2023
Newport Avenue (Bayshore to Morrison Ave):	Christmas 2023 – January 2024
Break for Gasparilla Parades:	January 20 - 29, 2024
Willow Avenue (Bayshore to North of Alley):	January – February 2024
Oregon Avenue (Bayshore to North of Watrous):	February – April 2024
Watrous Avenue (Oregon Ave to Dakota Ave):	April – May 2024
Dakota Avenue (Watrous Avenue):	May – June 2024
Watrous Avenue (Orleans Ave to Oregon Ave):	June – July 2024
Orleans Avenue (Bayshore to North):	July – August 2024

Project Completion: August 2024

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is responsible for the project?

The City's Stormwater Engineering Division is responsible for the design of the project. The City's Construction Administration Department will oversee and administer the project through the construction phase.

How will the sidewalks be impacted?

Sidewalks will be excavated to install the underdrains that will divert groundwater to the existing storm sewer system towards the Bay. Sidewalks will then be replaced as the construction progresses by block.

What measures will the City take to preserve the historical features of the neighborhood?

All historical features will be preserved. Restoration methods will include reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways, where removal is required, in a manner that matches the historic scoring patterns. Sidewalk and driveway cartouches, and roadway granite curb have been identified within the project area and will either be removed and replaced or preserved in place. Street signs and streetlights will be protected in place and will be repaired or replaced by the contractor if damaged.

How will existing trees be impacted?

Out of 340 existing trees within the project limits, 326 trees will be preserved. For those trees within the work zone, the underdrain will be installed using a horizontal directional drilling method to avoid impact to root zones caused by open trenching. Fourteen trees were identified for removal because of their poor condition and/or they are listed as unprotected trees. These trees will be replaced with live oak trees in accordance with the Hyde Park Greenscape Street Tree Replacement Program. Trees will be removed as the project advances by block. All replacement tree plantings will occur near completion of the project.

What will the project cost?

\$3.1M. The Hyde Park Groundwater Diversion Project is funded by the City of Tampa's Capital Improvement Program, with \$1 million of construction cost funded by a State of Florida's legislative appropriation.

Will the project raise my property taxes?

No. This is a part of the City's Capital Improvement Program and is being funded by the Stormwater Capital Assessment fee and a state appropriation so that no additional property tax or special assessment will be needed.

How will construction be phased?

The project will be constructed on a block-by-block basis, with restoration of sidewalks and right-of-way ground cover following closely behind the underdrain installation such that no more than two blocks in an area will be materially disturbed at a time. Construction staging and material lay down areas are limited to the active construction zone. The sequence of construction has been established and is listed above. Please note as with any construction project, the sequence and timing of construction is subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen conditions.

How long will it generally take to complete the work for a given block?

While conditions will vary, it is estimated that one side of the street for a block will take 3-5 weeks. Where there are multiple blocks on a street in the scope of the project, the plan is to work from south to north on one side of the street, before moving to the other side of the street.

What are the hours of operation during construction?

Generally, the City requires work to be performed between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday. No construction will be allowed during the City's Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays or for the 10 days around the Gasparilla parades.

Once the project construction begins, how will the City mitigate traffic issues within the project area?

The City will work to minimize traffic disturbances by maintaining at least one lane of traffic open through work zones at all times. However, road closures with detours will be necessary where underdrains cross streets. This should be only an occasional occurrence and should be restored with temporary measures to safely re-open the street as soon as possible. To ensure the safety of work crews and the traveling public, directional signage will be used to clearly mark closures and detours, and flagmen will be present when required to assist traffic through work zones.

How will construction impact driveway access?

It is the City's intent to minimize driveway access interruptions. Work will be scheduled to minimize the duration of disruption, and access to the adjoining property will be restored on a temporary basis immediately after the underdrain has been completed, with the permanent restoration following close behind. Property owners will be notified prior to driveway access being interrupted.

How will construction impact street parking?

Street parking will be prohibited within the construction work zone, which will be on one side of the street at a time. The work is scheduled to be constructed on a block-by-block basis to ensure street parking is still available in the community in non-construction work zones. Property owners will be notified prior to street parking closures.

Will other City services be interrupted by this project?

Potable (drinking) and reclaimed water line adjustments each require a temporary shutdown to very limited areas of the neighborhood for short periods, usually a few hours. This is necessary to move the pipes where they conflict with the underdrain pipe at street crossings. These are limited to only a few areas and should be a minimal disruption. All work with the potable water system is carefully performed and disinfected to Health Department requirements. However, you may receive a boil water notice as a precautionary measure subsequent to each adjustment. No other City service is anticipated to be interrupted by this project.

Will other private utility services be interrupted by this project?

Electric service is generally provided from the alleys behind homes affected by the scope of this project and is not expected to be interrupted by this project. Where cable, phone, internet, and gas service providers occupy the street right-of-way, they are required to mark the location of their distribution and service lines on the ground prior to construction to inform the contractor where lines need to be protected. However, due to various reasons, a line can be damaged if they are not properly marked or may be otherwise accidentally cut. The contractor will notify the utility providers to advise them of any known or reported service disruptions; however, the telecommunications companies require the customer to report the outage.

Will streets be repaved with this project?

Funding is currently unavailable for repaving of the streets within the scope of this project. However, the City’s Transportation Engineering Division has identified the neighborhood as a resurfacing need and is looking to program street resurfacing when funding becomes available.

How are you engaging the community in this project?

The City of Tampa and Hyde Park Preservation Inc. are collaborating to preserve the neighborhood's historical features, protect the tree canopy, and minimize the disruption to the neighborhood during construction. The association is also helping coordinate tree canopy replacement by meeting with affected owners. The project website is also a good source for up-to-date information.

Where can I find more information on the project?

A webpage has been created for this project and can be viewed at the following link:
<https://www.tampa.gov/mobility/stormwater/capital-projects/hyde-park-groundwater-project>.

If you have further questions or concerns during the construction, contact Nicole Miller Hawker, whose information is below.

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