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## Rice Village Alliance Greenbriar Blvd. Reconstruction Update January 2019

As part of its Capital Improvement Plan, the city of Houston is reconstructing Greenbriar from Holcombe to Rice Blvd. Design drawings for the project may be found at <a href="https://www.rebuildhouston.org/community-engagement">https://www.rebuildhouston.org/community-engagement</a>. The project includes reconstruction of the roadway, replacement of the storm sewers, and improvement of sidewalks and, in most cases, the roadway will remain within the existing curb lines, though slight widening of the roadway is planned near the Holcombe intersection, and the turning radius of certain intersections north of Holcombe will also be increased in order to accommodate city buses. Tree preservation and pedestrian walkability remain priorities of the project design.

Construction on the project is presently ongoing and is expected to conclude in the fall of 2019. It is being divided into five geographically defined stages, and in each stage, half of the roadway will be reconstructed while traffic on the other half of the roadway continues to flow, one-way. The traffic that must detour due to road construction will be routed through neighborhood streets for approximately seven weeks for each half of each construction phase.



Please click on the image above for a larger image of the Greenbriar Project phasing. Since the project began, the construction team has changed its terminology slightly from what is shown on this drawing. Previously, the five geographic segments were called "Stages" and within each stage was a "Phase I" and "Phase II" corresponding to the east and west sides of the street, respectively. Today, each of the five segments is being referred to as a "phase" and each has and "a" and "b" side, again referring to the east and west sides of the street within each phase. The geographic phases of the project are therefore:

Phase 1: North of Holcombe to McClendon intersection
Phase 2: North of McClendon to Goldsmith intersection
Phase 3: North of Goldsmith to Swift Intersection
Phase 4: North of Swift to south of University
Phase 5: University Intersection to south of Rice Blvd.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

- The latest plan for completing the project calls for the project phases to be constructed in the following order:
  - o Start before the end of 2018 on phases 1b then 2b (continuing into early 2019). Complete in spring 2019.
  - o In spring 2019 (beginning in April), commence work on 5a and 5b (including the University Boulevard intersection from phase 4), finishing all work in these phases by the end of July 2019.
  - o Begin work on 3b after the conclusion of school (no earlier than 1 June 2019) and complete in summer 2019.
  - Complete phase 4b last, starting early Sept. 2019, and running about 6 weeks.
- To submit comments to the city, please write to: pwecip@houstontx.gov.
- To reach the RVA: info@ricevillagealliance.com