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### Rice Village Alliance Greenbriar Blvd. Reconstruction Update July 2017

As part of its Capital Improvement Plan, the city of Houston will reconstruct Greenbriar from Holcombe to Rice Blvd. Preliminary design drawings for the project may be found at <https://www.rebuildhouston.org/community-engagement>.

The project design is not yet finalized, though a designer has been chosen, WSP USA. The project includes reconstruction of the roadway, replacement of the storm sewers, and improvement of sidewalks along the entire length of the project. In most cases, the roadway will remain within the existing curb lines, though slight widening of the roadway is contemplated 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.

Once the project design is finalized and the construction contract is let, construction should take approximately 540 days, and will be divided into five stages, each taking approximately 100 days to complete. During each 100 day construction 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 half of that 100-day construction stage. Thus, for each stage, there will be approximately seven weeks of detouring traffic through the neighborhood streets to the west of the construction project, and seven more weeks through the streets to the east.



The five geographically defined phases of the project will be scheduled with input from affected stakeholders, and need not necessarily be completed in a strictly sequential order. Beginning at one end and progressing sequentially to the opposite end is the most efficient, however trade-offs of convenience and efficiency may become necessary depending on start date, weather delays, costs and other factors. Subject to final design changes, the phases of this project will be as follows:

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| Phase I:   | North of Holcombe to McClendon intersection    |
| Phase II:  | North of McClendon to Goldsmith intersection   |
| Phase III: | North of Goldsmith to Swift Intersection       |
| Phase IV:  | North of Swift to south of University          |
| Phase V:   | University Intersection to south of Rice Blvd. |

#### NEXT STEPS:

- A public meeting will be held in August to seek final input from area stakeholders (date, time, location TBA).
- Following the public meeting, Public Works will go to City Council for approval to let the contract.
- Construction commences in late fall or early winter, depending on weather and other factors.
- To submit comments on the preliminary designs (linked above), please write to: [pwecip@houstontx.gov](mailto:pwecip@houstontx.gov) or [info@ricevillagealliance.com](mailto:info@ricevillagealliance.com)

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