

Pleasant Ridge Road Project Status Update as of February 15, 2008

Pleasant Ridge Road from Kelly Elliott Road and Bowen Road is scheduled to be widened to a 4-lane divided boulevard. Park Springs Boulevard from Pleasant Ridge Road to I.H. 20 will also be widened to a 4-lane divided boulevard during the construction of Pleasant Ridge Road. The project will also consist of drainage improvements, bridge work, landscaping, street lights, pavement markings and an 8-foot wide hike and bike trail on the south side from Park Springs Boulevard to Rush Creek.

The proposed realignment of Pleasant Ridge Road at Kelly Elliott Road will be just south of Tate Cemetery and go straight through the current wooded area. The proposed alignment will tie into the old alignment at Park Springs Boulevard. The cemetery will not be disturbed and will have driveway access from Pleasant Ridge Road upon completion of construction. The Old Pleasant Ridge road alignment will remain in place as a county type road but it will be reclaimed and resurfaced with asphalt in this project. The old alignment of the road will end just west of Park Springs Boulevard with a cul-de-sac.

A Construction Information Meeting was held on Monday February 11, 2008 at Little School Elementary and the main issues that we brought up by residents were the following:

- **Will there be sound walls installed on the project?**
There will be retaining walls installed on the project for changes in elevation but there will not be sound walls/barriers installed.
- **Instead of a cul-de-sac on Old Pleasant Ridge Road can a right turn exit only be installed to connect to Park Springs Blvd.?**
City staff is currently looking into this possibility; however, due to the close proximity of the Old Pleasant Ridge Road to the new intersection of Pleasant Ridge Road and Park Springs Blvd, the right turn is an unlikely solution for safety and operational reasons.
- **Will Pleasantview Drive be rebuilt since it seems that more traffic will be rerouted to it because of the cul-de-sac on Old Pleasant Ridge Road?**
City staff is currently taking traffic counts on Pleasantview Drive to determine what needs to be done and the best way to ensure safe circulation throughout the neighborhood. We are well aware of the conditions on Pleasantview Drive and looking at the possibility of including a reclamation/resurfacing, similar to Old Pleasant Ridge Road, to the project.

Currently franchise utility companies are relocating utilities so the actual construction probably will not start for another 3 months until they are clear so that there will not be further delays once construction begins.

Construction updates will be posted periodically on the Department of Public Works & Transportation website. Please contact Keith Brooks, Project Engineer, at (817) 459-6535 if you have any questions regarding the Pleasant Ridge Road project.