

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Name	Association
Caleb Frase	City of Charlotte
David Meyer	City of Charlotte
Tyler Howell	City of Charlotte
Amy Bice	City of Charlotte
Andrew Martin	ESP Associates
Symphis Nsabua	ESP Associates
Donna AlMelhem	ESP Associates

Location: Saint Steven United Methodist Church
6800 Sardis Road- Charlotte, NC

Reference: Thermal Road Culverts

ESP Project #: IN14.414

Citizen Attendees

Rebecca Meng
Iris Grieswell
Beatrice DeCoste
Edward Ihnot
Dick Puryear
Roger Agnew
Michael Doyne
Amy Hinshaw
Patricia Wolf
Phil Whitesell
Jeff Switzer
Vonnie Hines
Ann P. Waller

On March 30th, City of Charlotte Stormwater Services and ESP Associates held a public meeting to share the current status of the proposed design and potential construction timeline of the Thermal Road Culverts. Maps of the road closures along with a tentative project schedule were displayed during the meeting. This meeting was an informal Q&A session. The City of Charlotte provided answers to questions from the public. They are presented on the following pages.

Questions and Responses:

Q: How long do you anticipate the road closures?

A: The road closures will take approximately 5 months each. This is just an approximation as construction will depend on weather conditions, supplies, and utility coordination. The contractors will be financially incentivized to finish construction according to schedule.

Q: When can we expect the roads to be closed?

A: There are still ongoing tasks that include design finalization, permitting, real estate acquisition, and the bidding process, so it is estimated that the roads will close and construction can begin sometime in 2024.

Q: Can the contractor work 24/7 and/or on the weekends to complete construction?

A: The contractor selected will be incentivized to complete the work as quickly as possible. It will be discussed whether the work can take place on the weekends. However, to maintain quiet hours (at night) the contractor cannot work through the night.

Q: Will the large oak tree near 6711 Thermal Road be cut down?

A: No, it will be protected by the contractor during construction

Q: Will there be pedestrian access through the work zone?

A: No, there is no safe or secure way to allow pedestrian access through the work zone.

Q: Is it possible to construct both culvert replacements at the same time?

A: Unfortunately, due to the location of a few properties in between the culvert replacement sites, it is not possible to construct both culverts at the same time. The property owners in the middle of the two construction sites, as well as emergency services, need to be able to have road access at all times.

Q: Can signage be added to the barricades and cords?

A: Yes, signage will be added to the barricades and cords for safety.

Q: Why did it take a while for construction to begin after the road was closed during the temporary repair?

A: Once the culvert collapsed, the road needed to be closed for safety. However, the design and property access still needed to be finalized. The contractor's availability still needed to be determined, and materials needed to be acquired before construction could begin.

Q: Is there a website that will include all the information about the road closures and culvert replacements?

A: Yes, information about the projects and road closures can be found here: [Stormwater - City of Charlotte \(charlottenc.gov\)](https://www.charlottenc.gov/stormwater)

Q: Can this be constructed in a weekend?

A: No, material has to be delivered to the site and hauled off, utilities have to be coordinated and replaced, trenches have to be dug so it is not possible to complete construction in one weekend.

Q: Will our water pressure be better after the construction?

A: No, these stormwater projects will have no impact on the water pressure of houses in the area.

Q: Is there any way to maintain one way traffic through the work zones?

A: No, one way traffic cannot be maintained through the work zones for safety reasons.