

## BRIAR FOREST SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD

### KIRKWOOD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (BUFFALO BAYOU TO WESTHEIMER)

Briar Forest Super Neighborhood has campaigned for and recognizes the necessity and value of rebuilding Kirkwood, which is in deplorable condition. The Kirkwood Paving & Drainage Project (CIP # N-100029) includes roadway replacement and under-street detention and related infrastructure. Public Works and Engineering's (PWE) goal is unimpeded traffic flow, high comfort bike lanes, and wider sidewalks. Unfortunately, this would reduce the medians from 30 feet to as little 6' feet in width, eliminating 90% of the existing trees and a large amount of green space, even though new, smaller trees would be replanted when possible.

BFSN suggests that alternative plans can be developed that would provide similar features with less impact on the neighborhood medians. The issue is how to preserve trees and landscaping on South Kirkwood and yet accommodate bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and where to place median cuts with their mandated left turn lanes:

- Trees on the median add to our neighborhood's character, beauty, and climate moderation.
- Bike paths and sidewalks add to our neighborhood's character and alternate transportation options.
- Left turn lanes at existing median cuts can improve traffic flow, but cut the median to 6 feet (no room for trees).

We are conducting this survey to get residents' priorities. Your priorities should be reflected on your survey to let us, and PWE, know what you value. We want you to look at the preliminary plan presented by PWE for this project (available on our website) and let your reactions be known through this survey. We expect our values to be respected by PWE.

A street design can be developed by PWE which retains the median width while providing the dual traffic lanes north and south, if that is the community priority. Bike lanes can provide safety and high comfort, if they could be placed behind the curb. Multi-use bicycle – pedestrian lanes, consolidating bike lanes on one side of the street and sidewalks on the other or extending the sidewalks and bike lanes to the extreme edges of the right of way, are other possibilities.

If our priorities and desires are known, PWE can develop options, adjust buffers, and create configurations, as necessary. We need your evaluation and priorities!

Please, help give BFSN a coherent, powerful voice.

- View the PWE preliminary plans and roll plot on the Briar Forest Super Neighborhood [website](#).
- Complete the survey to help communicate the community priorities. You must register as a member of the Briar Forest Super Neighborhood website to help keep the poll results reflecting super neighborhood resident preferences. Go to the [website](#).
- Attend the public meeting beginning at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 29 at Paul Revere Middle School (10502 Briar Forest Drive, Houston, TX 77042).
- Fill out a PWE comment card (available on our website) and provide to PWE to reinforce your preferences.

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