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All Participants



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Introduction

During March-December 2010, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) will be completing the installation/construction of 36 and 42 inch diameter water transmission mains throughout various locations in Montgomery. Construction will be completed in at least three (3) separate projects in public roadways.

Construction will involve work on seven (7) different roadways in Montgomery including Cooper Road, Delray Drive, Castleford Lane, Jolain Drive, Tollgate Lane, Schoolhouse Lane as well as a portion of Montgomery Road between Pfeiffer Road and Schoolhouse Lane. Current plans for construction along Montgomery Road specify that installation of the water transmission main must be completed during the 11 week period of June 7-August 23.

The City of Montgomery recognizes that the scale and scope of the projects, engineered to improve the reliability and quality of the GCWW distribution system, also has the potential to significantly impact residents, businesses and the general public that utilize Montgomery roadways.

The City of Montgomery does not have the option to deny GCWW's water main project. The City does however have the right and responsibility to place reasonable limitations on construction activities so that negative impacts can be reduced.

One way to reduce the impact the project will have on everyone is a sound communications plan, so this month's questions are:

Question 1

Do you have specific recommendations or preferences about how the City of Montgomery and GCWW can provide residents, businesses and motorists passing through Montgomery with timely project updates and information about construction on Montgomery Road? Email, Website, Mail, Twitter, etc.?

Question 2

What problems do you believe you will experience during the construction of the water transmission main on Montgomery Road?

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Valerie Taylor in Montgomery

February 3, 2010, 11:58 AM

Is there a way to put up on the city's website a dynamic map that shows traffic speeds in the city? That would let people plan their route before leaving home. Maybe something like this:

<http://maps.google.com/>

Type in 45242, then when the map comes up click on Traffic (along the top of the map) and you can see where slowdowns are.

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January 27, 2010, 9:40 AM

As a Forest Glen resident, I am concerned about the construction as we do not have an alternative route to/from the neighborhood. Many neighborhoods of this type have an alternative road they can open for emergencies or road closures (that is, a small alternative road that has a gate that can be opened should there be a problem on Montgomery Road). This needs to be explored for our neighborhood - prior to the beginning of a major Montgomery Road construction project.

Sandra Nunn in Cincinnati

December 21, 2009, 12:25 PM

All good suggestions so far. Presumably, the installation will affect only one side of Montgomery Road -- not both sides? If it is not possible to leave the affected side open during the day, then allow one-way traffic on the side not being worked on to travel southbound during the day and northbound during evening hours. Make sure to put articles in the monthly newsletter and weekly suburban newspaper, and keep the information current on the city's web site. Direct mailings are also a good idea for people who live in the immediate vicinity. Also, though they are tacky, those temporary signs that could be placed in the vicinity a week or so before work starts alerting people as to when work will start so people are not caught off-guard.

Lela Groene in Montgomery

December 20, 2009, 12:09 PM

I think coordinating with the schools during arrival/dismissal times should be the top priority due to their huge traffic impact (both busses & cars) during a time that is already rush hour(s). Could Cooper, Delray & Castleford be scheduled during the summer to avoid school issues altogether? For the Montgomery Rd Pfeiffer-to-Schoolhouse part, it would be helpful to break it into 2 pieces so that the Pfeiffer-to-Deerfield section could be done at one time, using Pfeiffer and Deerfield Roads (or Radabaugh to Hopewell) as a detour during that time, maybe with a temporary traffic light at Deerfield & Montgomery. It appears that there's no good detour for the Deerfield-to-Schoolhouse section except using 1 lane of Montgomery Rd.

It might also be helpful to avoid having Cooper and the Pfeiffer-to-Schoolhouse areas torn up at the same time. That way people could use Pfeiffer-Kenwood-Cooper Roads as a consistent detour route around Montgomery Rd while it is torn up, and still route traffic thru the Historic District to help the businesses that will be impacted (maintains easy access to HD parking, etc).

Montgomery already does a great job of communicating road/traffic issues, and I'm sure this project will maintain the same high communication standards. Keep up the good work!

Thomas Niederkorn in Montgomery

December 19, 2009, 10:16 AM

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Regarding the work on Montgomery Road, I am a bit surprised by the number of comments stating this work has to occur overnight. I would like to remind my fellow citizens that this portion of Montgomery Rd (Pfeiffer to Schoolhouse) is residential -- I am certain there is very few of us who would you like work going on outside our bedroom windows over night for 3 solid months? All work in residential areas must only be permitted during daytime hours. Understand there will be a traffic impact, but the level to which night time construction would affect the residents of Montgomery Rd the peaceful enjoyment of their homes (and an ability to get any sleep), there is no other choice. Alternate roads are available -- alternate homes, not so much.

Suggest either e-mail or Twitter to keep Montgomery residents up to date on the project.

Gerald (Gerry) Houchell in Cincinnati

December 18, 2009, 10:24 PM

City of Montgomery must insist that work be completed at night, use structural metal plates to cover work so driving during daylight hours is uninterrupted. Any work must have plan that specifies keeping water available with minimal interruptions, and have schedule provided to affected residents so they can plan for loss of water pressure.

Publish and circulate maps recommending use of roads that avoid work areas: I-71 to Pfeiffer, Bypass, neighborhood roads.

John Perry in Montgomery

December 18, 2009, 7:46 PM

It would be ideal if all work could be done between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am.

Is important that communications on when the work will start, and exactly where the traffic will be restricted during any day or week be made using newspaper, television, radio, and website with maps.

When working in the Historic District, we need police or contractor control at the intersections to keep traffic moving. The last tie up at Cooper and Montgomery because of construction backed up traffic too far in both directions on Montgomery because the green light on Cooper was on too long for East West traffic, and not long enough for the North South traffic on Montgomery.

This caused people to use the by pass around the district, trying to turn right onto Cooper, and then left again on Montgomery. Making the left hand turn onto Montgomery was much slower than proceeding straight down Montgomery if a person controlling the intersection could see and react to the traffic, instead of leaving it up to the signals.

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December 18, 2009, 6:12 PM

Jokingly, I suggest large signs and ARTIMIS alerts : "Long delays possible, seek alternate routes."

Seriously, there are no parking regulations 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM in the Heritage Business district. Construction on the new fountain and even city trucks hanging holiday lights seem to get a free pass on this. (Read that as a complaint.) I think avoiding lane closures and other restrictions on Cooper and Montgomery during these times is in order. The area between Pfeiffer and Schoolhouse on Montgomery is already a bottleneck being a choke point from two lanes to one in both directions.

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It appears "most" of the work will be done in residential areas, with the exception being a small portion of Montgomery Road. Never-the-less, during peak traffic times, that portion of Montgomery and Cooper road already move slowly.

I would require that work be restricted for these two roads to non-peak traffic times.

Regarding Delray, I would discuss this with the School District regarding buse for bus route workarounds or work time restrictions they would suggest.

Overall, I would require traffic be maintained on all streets.

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December 18, 2009, 4:35 PM

As a Business owner in the district the main issue we'll have is traffic. It will be even more difficult for our customers to get to us. We've already endured the streetscape project, the new fountain, and the new pavers at cooper and montgomery road (twice). Now they are going to rip it all up again for water main?! Absurd. To answer the question: in order to minimize impact we could coordinate our improvements so that they coincide with each other and only happen one time.

As far as this particular project the best way to minimize impact is to do it at night (or at least not during rush hours.) Or perhaps we can create a new ordinance so all the residents of montgomery are not permitted to flush their toilets at the same time, thus avoiding the need for a new water main in the first place.

Name not shown in Montgomery

December 18, 2009, 3:39 PM

I will be looking to avoid Montgomery Road as much as I can, using side streets to get around the bottleneck. Knowing where and when each street will be obstructed will help me go yet other ways. I will appreciate A MAP of the places obstructed, updated whenever something changes significantly for the better or worse. Put the map online and in the community paper. If we have information, and if everyone obeys speed limits in the neighborhoods we detour through, it ought to be all right. I hope to plan and combine duplicate trips, which I ought to be doing far better anyway!
