

UNWI 9 REACH 4 Arcade Creek Meeting Recap February 6, 2007

Attendees

- Bernie Galvin, SRCSD
- Bill Chavez, SRCSD
- Dave Ocenosak, SRCSD
- Xiangquan Li, HDR
- Kevin Becker, City of Citrus Heights
- Mike Garcia, Lucy & Company

There were 16 people in attendance.

Bernie Gavin, SRCSD CMO, explained the project, referred to the project map, and told the attendees that perhaps the project will not directly impact their homes, but that the project team wants to make sure people who will be impacted are informed. Galvin then gave a basic, overall vision of the project and explained the distinction between CSD-1 and SRCSD. She briefly explained that a pumping station was recently put in at Van Maren and referenced that two additional projects (NEA 1 and NEA 2) will be coming up. Galvin also explained that the project is needed because area sewers are at capacity and during severe wet weather, the existing pipes threaten to overflow. She then introduced the members of the project team in attendance. Galvin explained that the tunneling method was chosen for UNWI 9 and referred to impacts that were considered, such as traffic, noise and vibration. She then introduced Xiangquan Li, HDR project engineer.

Li explained the project, its location and the fact that it will consist of six miles of pipeline, built into the Auburn Boulevard/Old Auburn Road corridor and other major streets like Oak Avenue. He explained that UNWI 9 will consist of a little less than 1 mile of open trench work, 25 to 30 feet deep, with a trench 5' 5" wide. It will also include repaving and striping work. He said that between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. there will be one lane of traffic open in each direction. Li then explained the project schedule. Between the end of 2007/beginning of 2008 the first part of the UNWI 9 project will be constructed, with a moratorium between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Galvin then gave a brief overview of UNWI 9, NEA 2 and NEA 1.

Li explained that groundbreaking is anticipated for August 2007.

Galvin explained that there will be 41 shafts that will be up to 60 feet deep. She also explained that there will be a tunnel boring machine alongside the shafts. Galvin then addressed the traffic impacts and stated that UNWI 9 and Associated NEA Projects will be constructed thru 2010, consisting of three construction headings and different crews working on the different segments of pipeline. She explained that project teams will be limiting impacts and the amount of ground that can be worked on.

The presentation was then opened up for questions and answers.

Questions/Answers

Question: You are telling me we are at capacity, but there could be an increase?

Answer (from Dave Ocenosak): The issue you are talking about has come up. Being at capacity is an issue and quite a concern.

Comment: Calvin and Van Maren have significant sewage drainage problems.

Response (from Dave Ocenosak): Your problem is strictly storm drains. You haven't had any major redevelopment here in Citrus Heights, but going out to Hazel and Sunrise, they have.

Comment by David Wheaton, General Services Director, City of Citrus Heights:

This project is going to cause some tremendous inconvenience. For the next three to four years, this project, along with others, will cause you major headaches and have unintended impacts.

However, it is something that is needed to meet needs into the future. The best thing for you to do is to find ways to get around the different parts of the community where this is going to happen.

Comment by Bernie Galvin:

Try to get a vision of what you will be dealing with. We will have 24-hour contact numbers for people here in the city. If there are issues on your street, they can be responded to immediately.

Question: We have a number of elderly who live in this area. How will you handle getting them and the handicapped around?

Answer (from David Wheaton, General Services Director, City of Citrus Heights): We are working to address those types of concerns. Should issues arise, you have Kevin's (Kevin Becker) number 24/7. We are addressing issues of ingress and egress and parents dropping off their kids in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon. We have actually met with some of the schools, ensuring they have accurate information to put in their newsletters. We will also be monitoring traffic not only for speeding problems, but also to ensure traffic is flowing smoothly. We will do the best we can.

Question: Are there plans to maybe work at night?

Answer: We have looked at that. In some places we are close to homes, within 25 feet. We are requiring the contractor to work daytime. We are working to keep this fast-tracked. If it drags on, it keeps dragging on. We can certainly come back to you, make sure you are receiving the newsletters and are given the hotline number.

Dave Ocenosak: It is important that when you see something out there you call right away. The quicker you call, the quicker we can get to it.

Bernie Galvin: Construction is not the safest of activities. You can be our eyes in the community.

Police officer: The pump station at Van Maren...Who can I speak to regarding issues I have with it?

Dave Ocenosak: I assume you are talking about primarily vandalism type issues? We have had some issues out there with vandalism.

Police officer: Yes, primarily vandalism type issues.

Dave Ocenosak: I'll leave you my card and my contact information and you can feel free to contact me to discuss the issues out there.

Kevin Becker mentioned the public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on February 22 with the Citrus Heights City Council.

Kevin Becker: We're going to be down to one lane of construction for a while. Feel free to contact me and the project team to suggest mitigation measures. You will see project signs. We will have police out there, so don't get frustrated and try to go around. We will have meetings where you can blow off steam.

Question/Comment: The City of Citrus Heights now has 86,000 people. With these projects, how many people can we support? I moved here because it was calmer and less crowded. Now it's getting crowded. We are the most dense community. We have 160 units going in right along here with three-story condos.

Response (from Police officer): We have close to 100 police officers now. There isn't a lot of room for growth. We simply would not be as effective if the population here continued to grow. We will not break 100,000 (population).