

UNWI 9

Citrus Heights City Council Presentation Recap February 22, 2007

Attendees

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

Bill Chavez led the Upper Northwest Interceptor 9 and Associated NEA Projects presentation to the Citrus Heights City Council. He started by explaining the project background and location, saying that the project is located in the northeast area of Sacramento county, in Citrus Heights and Orangevale. Chavez then proceeded to explain that some local sewer lines are reaching capacity and that the UNWI pipeline will be pumped through west Sacramento county to the wastewater treatment plant in Elk Grove.

Chavez went on to explain the sections of the project. He pointed out that UNWI 9, the first part of the project, will be 2.8 miles long. Northeast Area 2 (NEA-2) will consist of 36" pipes and will go down Fair Oaks Boulevard. NEA-1 will consist of 36" pipes and will be 2.5 miles long. The NEA-1 pipeline will go south along Fair Oaks and up Oak Avenue; it will be 25 to 35 feet deep. Chavez explained that UNWI 9 will use both open cut and tunneling methods and construction is expected to occur from fall 2007 to winter 2008. NEA-2 will also employ the tunneling method and will consist of 24" pipes.

Chavez explained the tunneling construction method and said that it will take approximately 20 days for each tunneling drive to be completed (there are 41 shafts altogether). He explained that the project team will recommend the less disruptive tunneling construction method, which will cost approximately \$1.5 million more than the conventional method, which is very disruptive and has noise and vibration impacts.

It was pointed out a temporary traffic control signal will be installed at the main entrance to the Costco/Wal-Mart shopping center off of Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights. At the east entrance, between Sylvan Road and Sunrise Boulevard, traffic will be allowed to flow normally.

Chavez said that one of the three entrances to McDonald's off Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights will be closed for four weeks.

The typical traffic control setup was explained. It was stated that the project team will attempt to allow traffic in both directions at all times, with the exception of one area on Old Auburn where pipe deliveries must occur. This impact will be limited to 30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The presentation was then opened up for questions and answers.

Question: Will you be installing temporary pavement? The roads are not wide enough to handle this construction work and accommodate traffic.

Answer: Yes, we will be installing temporary pavement in certain areas along the route.

Comments (from Jeff Slowey, Mayor): In front of the Costco parking lot, you are going to be doing open trenching and will be restricting traffic with installation of a left turn only signal. Traffic is going to back up significantly, all the way through the length of the parking lot. There's going to be a significant impact. Ingress and egress will be a challenge. I would recommend you put in a temporary right-turn signal too.

Answer: Right now, the plan is to have a left-turn only signal, but we can certainly look at putting a temporary right-turn signal there, too.

Bill Chavez explained that one eastbound lane of a section of Old Auburn Boulevard will be closed for three to four weeks and that traffic detours will be provided. The detour will be Fair Oaks Boulevard east to Oak Avenue to Wachtel Way to Old Auburn Road.

An explanation of public outreach efforts was provided, highlighting the list of concerned neighbors impacted by the project, previous public outreach and future public outreach (door hangers, hotline, magnets, newsletters, city liaison, speed control by Citrus Heights police, Web site updates, door-to-door contact by a project ombudsman a few days before construction starts, etc.).

Bernie Galvin said that the construction project will be very challenging and that there will be traffic impacts and some challenges along the way. She said the project team will continue to provide public outreach.

Question from Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Council Member: We recently received rate increase notifications in the mail. Was that in response to this project, and how is the project being funded?

Answer from Bernie Galvin: This project is being paid for in two ways. Any construction benefiting existing users will be paid for by monthly rates. The majority of the project will benefit new users and be paid for by impact fees that developers pay up front and then pass on to home buyers...The rate increase is not in response to this project.

Question from Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Council Member: The temporary sidewalk on Old Auburn Road should be permanent, right?

Answer: Children walk that way to go to school. That was a big concern to us and we will work with the city to allow the sidewalk to remain after construction is complete.

Craig (last name not heard), Citrus Heights Fire District: Are you communicating with our communications people to coordinate with us?

Answer: We have not done that yet, but that is definitely something we should do.

(Rest of conversation not heard)

Bernie Galvin explained the tunneling method, silent piling method and shafts.

Question: How big are the shafts?

Answer: Twelve to 15 feet.

Question: And you will tunnel under Sylvan Oaks too, right?

Answer: Yes, we are working with the city to minimize those impacts.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.