

August 11, 2023

Dear South Drexel Avenue Resident:

We want to provide an update on the progress of the South Drexel Avenue Improvement Project.

To date, we have completed the rehabilitation of the existing storm and sanitary sewers to enhance the function of our sewage and drainage system. We have also completed the replacement of our water mains in this corridor to improve the function of our water system and provide better water quality and fire hydrant flow.

Currently, we are working on installing the curb bump-outs and medians at various intersections along South Drexel from Main Street to Broad Street. We anticipate this work will be completed by the end of September. Please note that initial bump-out grass seeding takes place as the project progresses; ongoing maintenance and care of these deeper tree lawn areas is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

The median planting will be completed in the Fall of 2023. The tree selected is an *Prunus x Okame* an ornamental Cherry tree, with *euonymus fortune* ("winter creeper") ground cover; ongoing median maintenance will be performed by the city. There will be several road closures to install the medians and traffic will be detoured to the nearest side street while these short closures are in effect.

After the current phase of work has been completed we are coordinating with ODOT to perform the road resurfacing of US 40, which will include both S Drexel Avenue (from Main Street to Broad Street) and Broad Street (from Nelson Road to Westland Avenue). We expect this work to occur in the Spring of 2024 depending on ODOT'S bidding schedule.

Following ODOT's paving, an additional pedestrian-activated beacon at Powell and permanent pavement markings will be installed in the Spring of 2024. Additionally, once the necessary traffic calming devices (medians and bump-outs) have been installed and the street is open and available for unrestricted use we will be performing a traffic study in the hope to petition ODOT to allow us to decrease the speed limit in the residential area to 25 MPH; we will keep you apprised of this component of the project as it progresses.

For ongoing updates on this and all city projects, please visit <https://bexley.org/street-projects/>. Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout this project. Due to the extensive work to bring new infrastructure to your street and to slow and calm traffic, we realize this project has been lengthy and inconvenient. We are grateful for your patience and remain committed to being responsive to any concerns; if you have any questions regarding your property or any other concern you may contact the following phone numbers during regular working hours:

City of Bexley Public Service Department (614) 559-4220 (general information)

City of Bexley City Engineer (614) 949-8102 (David B Koch, PE)

Sincerely,

Andrew Bashore,
Service Director