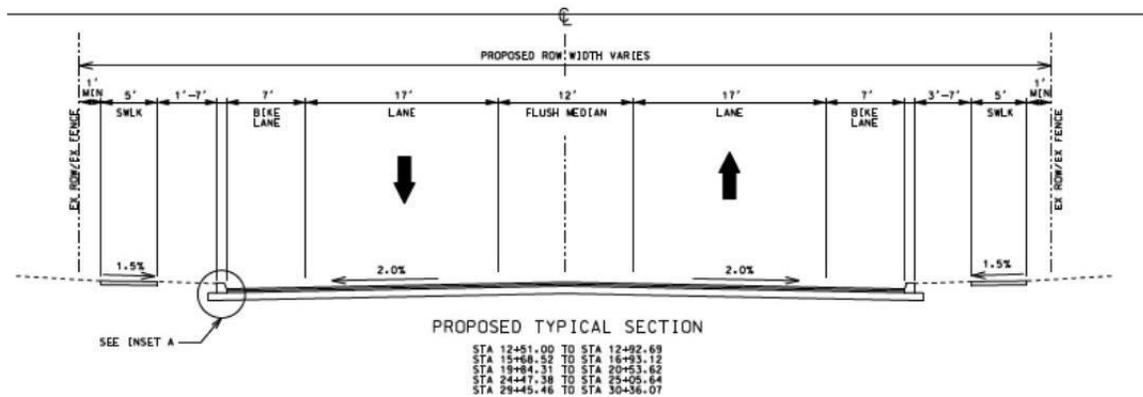




Military Drive West Construction Update

The project supervisor with Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA), Reggie Fountain, met with the Board in November to answer questions and provide more information regarding the Military Drive project. The lanes on Military Dr. will stay as they are now, with one lane in each direction but with an added striped bike lane on the outside. Attached is an image of a typical cross-section of what the final configuration will look like once completed.



They will also install a traffic light at the Military Drive and Westcreek Oaks intersection and widen the sidewalks to make them ADA compliant. Bexar County has had this project in the planning stages for many years with several revisions.

The work on Military Drive is scheduled to last 16 months. They will try to condense the schedule as much as possible to finish ahead of time, but as with anything, there may be delays due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. They feel confident that the project should be completed in that time frame. ARMA will be providing updates to the Community Manager throughout the project. The Board has asked for two weeks advance notice on changes or traffic impacts so information can be disseminated to the community. ARMA will make its best effort to meet our request and will also communicate through signage and flyers when needed.

During this project, CPS will be laying a new gas line. ARMA has included this work in their project timeline, so it will not impact the completion date.

ARMA assured the Board that the sidewalks on one side of Military Drive will always be available for pedestrian use. According to the current plans, the Walgreens side of Military Drive will be worked on first. They will begin Phase One just west of Pinafore (The Gardens) and end with the removal of about 100 ft of the island at Courtland Oaks (The Pointe). Phase One is expected to proceed fairly quickly. As Phase Two begins, they will push both lanes of traffic onto the south side (current Eastbound side) of Military and reconstruct the northern half from the

centerline of the roadway from Pinafore to Courtland Oaks. This Phase will also include the reconstruction of the sidewalk on that side of the roadway.

A total of 6 trees will be removed. Five will be in the medians at Saxonhill and Military in preparation for turn lanes, and one will be at Ravenscroft and Military, where a pedestrian ramp will be installed.

Many homeowners have voiced concerns that Talley Road will not be completed when Military Drive begins. ARMA understands the frustration but stated that Talley would be mostly completed by the end of December. The vendor working on Military Drive is different from the one working on Talley, and the ARMA will be very hands-on during the project.

The Board is aware that there are many concerns about students walking to/from school during the construction phase, and we expressed those concerns to ARMA. If your student needs to walk through the construction area to get to school, please practice with them what to do when the sidewalk is closed. The Board also requested that ARMA give NISD two weeks notice before any sidewalks are closed so parents can be notified. Any concerns about school transportation due to construction should be directed toward NISD.

The VWOA Board has taken steps to help mitigate damages to fences once the project is complete. The Villages of Westcreek Standards Manager has assessed all the fences along Military Dr., so we know the condition prior to construction beginning. ARMA has also videoed the entire length of the fence line as well, and asked each of its contractors to do the same before beginning their portion of work along Military Dr. We know there will be damage, so if you have animals, please do what is necessary to keep them safe. We do not expect any fences to be repaired until construction is fully completed, and they will only fix what they damage.

Project Manager Reggie Fountain has provided a link to the plans from which the contractor, Harper Brothers, is working. Feel free to review them anytime.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/ll3iuvq93qkyqlq/220130_BC05_IFB_2022-003_West_Military_Drive_Final_Plans_v1.pdf?dl=0

***Please Note:** The VWOA Board and Staff have no control over this project or changes to it. We rely on the county for our information; sometimes, the information we are given may change. We ask for your grace during this process. The Board is trying very hard to keep lines of communication open with the county, so we can continue to advocate for our community. We have a very good rapport with Project Manager Reggie Fountain and with the County Commissioners' office. There are many moving parts in this project, and the VWOA Board and Staff will do our best to get you accurate information in a timely manner over the next 16 months.

Thank You for your support and your patience as we navigate this project!

Submitted by: Elaine Maurer – VWOA Board of Directors President