



Notice of Project

St. George Street Reconstruction Project Update – Spring 2024

March 7, 2024

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

The County of Elgin is planning to reconstruct St. George Street to replace aging infrastructure that has exceeded its expected lifecycle and capabilities. This project has been rescheduled to be completed this year pending County Council approval.

Proposed Street Cross-Section

Included with this notice is a cross-section showing the planned improvements for your street. Please note some key design features as follows:

- 3.3m wide lanes, slightly narrower than existing in order to promote slower travel speeds
- Grassed boulevard with native deciduous trees to be planted behind the sidewalk
- Removal of front yard catchbasins where possible – re-grading to the roadway curb and gutter
- 1.5m wide concrete sidewalk, separated from the edge of roadway by a 1.5m wide boulevard
- New curbs throughout and upgraded crosswalks to meet current standards and promote safer crossings

Updated Work Details

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| - Storm sewer replacement | - Tree plantings |
| - Sidewalk replacement | - Improvements to Intersection Geometrics |
| - New asphalt roadway | - Concrete curb installation |
| - Installation of new grass boulevard | |

Proposed Project Timeline

- Pre-Construction Investigation: February 2021 – June 2021
- Pre-Construction Public Information Centre: Fall 2021
- Design Finalization: Spring 2024
- Design Public Information Presentation: Spring 2024
- Construction Start: Summer 2024
- Estimated Completion: Fall 2024* (*minor cleanup work and surface asphalt Spring 2025*)

* Please note that the timelines are approximate and will vary depending on weather and other factors.

Private Drains

During the project, all existing private drains that are connected to municipal drainage infrastructure will be reconnected to the new storm sewer system. New private drain connections will not be installed as part of these works.



Municipal Drains

The existing St. George Street and Flexen Municipal Drains are undersized and not capable of handling a 1 in 5-year storm event. As part of this reconstruction, a new stormwater system will be installed within the County right-of-way capable of handling a 5-year storm event of both the roadway and contributing area. The Municipal Drain outlets will be abandoned with some infrastructure on private property being retained to continue to provide an outlet for front yard stormwater. Utilizing the existing infrastructure will greatly reduce restoration efforts and impacts to homeowners.

For homeowners, this will mean that future maintenance, repairs and reconstruction will not be assessed to each homeowner and will instead become part of County infrastructure. The County will require easements to provide maintenance and access to stormwater infrastructure located on private property and will be reaching out in the future to affected properties to start this process.

Speed Reduction

To encourage a reduction in operating speed on St. George Street, the County will implement the following strategies: reducing driving lane widths and installing barrier curbs along with a grassed boulevard and tree plantings. All of which will influence driver behaviour to encourage long-term reduced speeds. These strategies are recommended from the Institute of Transportation Engineers to reduce speed and enhance the street environment for non-motorists.

These measures are being implemented due to resident feedback received during Consultation.

Contact Information

The Engineering Team is committed to keeping you informed during the project.

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Website	https://www.elgincounty.ca/st-george-street-reconstruction/

Project Updates

Visit the Project website (<https://www.elgincounty.ca/st-george-street-reconstruction/>) to learn more about your construction project, find links to notices and other related content. More information will be uploaded to this website as the project progresses.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to completing these important infrastructure upgrades in your area as we work towards building a more sustainable community.

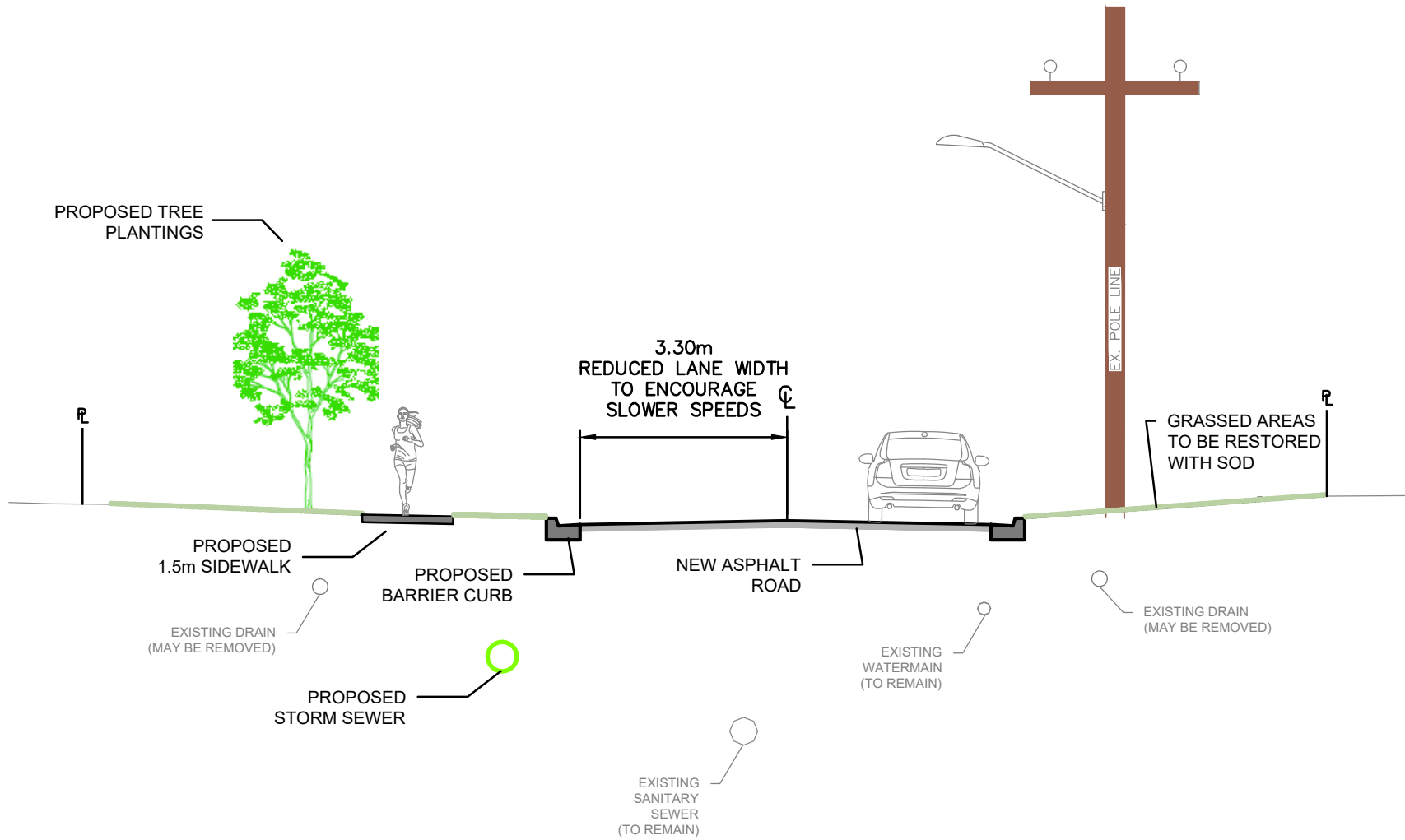


Please note, upon tender award, the County will send a follow up Notice of Construction. This will include more detailed information with respect to traffic management, garbage collection and schedule. Also included in the Notice of Construction will be emergency contacts for the Contractor and any other site-specific instructions homeowners will need to be aware of.

Sincerely,

Andrew Parker
Manager of Roads and Asset Management

Cc: *Sent via email*
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PROPOSED CROSS SECTION FOR ST. GEORGE STREET RECONSTRUCTION 2024