Project Overview

Bagby is the first street encountered when entering Downtown from the west—a key gateway that connects the Theater District, multiple civic institutions and several parks—requiring careful consideration and attention to how the street, buildings and green spaces all interact.

Due to plans such as the Theater District Master Plan, Plan Downtown and the Houston Bike Plan, the DRA has prioritized the Bagby Street Improvement Project as it will greatly improve and expand mobility and infrastructure throughout western Downtown. Currently between four and six lanes wide, the project entails reducing Bagby Street to between three and four vehicular lanes to allow for wider pedestrian walkways, a bicycle lane, beautification elements, signature lighting and 79 new trees. The corridor’s storm sewer system will also be updated to meet current requirements, including additional inlets to reduce ponding and considerably improve drainage.

Projected completion is Dec 2021.

What to Expect This Month

- Stripping, barrells and water filled barriers— Franklin to Walker
- Tree removal— Preston to Prairie (west side)
- Tree & planter removal— Capitol to Rusk (Little Tranquillity Park)
- Roadway & sidewalk removal— Franklin to Rusk (west side)
- New storm sewer installation— Bagby @ Preston intersection
- Waterline investigation @ City Hall— Walker to McKinney (east side)
- Ongoing temporary traffic signal work— Walker to Dallas
- Walker Street construction begins in early March after Rodeo parade— Bagby to Smith (south side)

Phase I: Jan - Jul 2020

- Bagby, full west side between Rusk and Franklin
- Bagby, waterline south of Rusk
- Bagby, sanitary rehabilitation between Walker and Rusk
- Bagby, sanitary remove and replace between Dallas and Walker
- Walker, full south side between Bagby and Smith
- McKinney, raised pedestrian crossing and parallel parking bay
- Bagby Bridge closure for partial deck replacement

Spread the word

The DRA and Downtown District will be sending out monthly notices to stakeholders regarding construction and closures specific to streets and sidewalks; please share with your tenants, visitors, patrons and partners. In addition, this information will be included in our weekly Street Closures eBlast that is distributed on Thursdays.

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