

ABOUT *the* MONTROSE BLVD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Montrose Boulevard Improvements Project was designed to address drainage issues while improving mobility, safety, and overall beauty within the beloved Montrose community. Drainage improvements for outdated stormwater infrastructure within the boulevard are long overdue, and the Montrose TIRZ is focusing on Segment 1 (W. Clay Street to Allen Parkway) of the project at this time. Importantly, no planning or design activities have begun related to Segment 2 (US-59 to W. Clay Street) of the project.

Segment 1 of the Montrose Boulevard Improvements Project will:

- » Improve roadway mobility and safety for all users
- » Promote a pedestrian-friendly environment
- » Improve drainage, with large underground storm boxes
- » Reconstruct pavement, driveways, medians, and sidewalks
- » Improve intersection safety and upgrade traffic signals
- » Replace aging utilities
- » Replace streetlights
- » Protect healthy, well-positioned mature trees
- » Plant new trees
- » Provide a shared use path on the east side from W. Clay Street to Allen Parkway, connecting pedestrians, bicyclists, and those with disabilities to the trails along Buffalo Bayou
- » Provide first- and last-mile bike connections supporting the local and regional “All Ages and Abilities” bike network
- » Provide greater accessibility to businesses along the the boulevard.

The Montrose TIRZ completed a drainage study in 2019 that highlighted areas of flooding. The project will improve the drainage system by replacing the existing 48-inch and 54-inch pipes with 10-foot by 10-foot boxes. These drainage improvements are designed to accommodate a two-year rainfall event, or five inches in 24 hours, to help mitigate flash flooding in the area.

The project follows all the City of Houston’s design requirements related to drainage, reconstruction of the roadway, upgrade of all the utilities below the roadway, adding the larger safety zone, and providing accessible routes for all while keeping the image of the Boulevard in our goals.

The primary safety facets include the shared-use path and larger sidewalks along with a significant increase in the safety zone between the street and the sidewalk where we will add 137 trees.

It’s About...

Drainage:

Montrose Boulevard serves as the drainage spine for the Montrose area. Through this project, we are working to address drainage issues that have plagued Montrose for years.

Mobility:

We are creating accessibility and comfort for all users by connecting with the east-west biking and walking routes as well as access to Buffalo Bayou Park. We also provide more accessibility for merchants and restaurants along the Boulevard.

Safety:

As part of the plans, we are creating a buffer with six-foot planting zones behind the curb where we place trees. Additionally, visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles will be enhanced.

Beauty:

We are creating both a healthy tree canopy as well as opportunities for public art. Developing a beautiful natural and created environment has always been important in our Montrose Boulevard redevelopment.

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