

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (PMP)

THE QUESTIONS AND THE ANSWERS

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CURB & GUTTER

Q1. Do homeowners have an option to keep the sloping curbs that are in place on some streets?

A: The Pavement Management Policy states that delineator curb (drive-over or sloped) can be installed on a street if 100 percent of the effected residents agree.

Q2. The asphalt is higher than the curb in some places. Why would that be?

A: The pavement is thicker there but within the tolerances.

Q3. If an existing concrete curb is in good shape, is the plan to replace it, or can it be kept?

A: If the existing concrete curb is left in place, the contractor is unable to perform subgrade correction (removing soft and moisture-susceptible soils and replacing it with sand), and that portion of the roadway will continue to be unstable.

Q4. The City's "Curb & Gutter" handout provided at the initial open houses states that homeowners have options depending on the specific street where the homeowner lives. Which specific streets might allow homeowners to have options for curb and gutter, what are they, and how is a specific option selected?

A: If there are significant comments received from a neighborhood regarding alternative curb types, the City would undertake a process to solicit the opinions from the enter neighborhood.

SNOWPLOWING

Q5. What are long-term plans for how wide streets will be after plowing?

A: Depending on the snow amount, weight, speed, and windrow height, some snow may fall back into the road. When roads get too narrow, City crews wing back the snowbanks to create more snow storage.

Q6. Do straight curbs prevent plow drivers from being able to plow right up against the curb? In contrast, with sloping curbs, can drivers can plow the entire street so little width is gone during winter?

A: No, drivers are instructed to plow the curb line. It does not matter if the curb is boldface or surmountable. Surmountable curb is easier to hop, causing more sod damage, compared with boldface. Boldface curb is generally preferred for snow plowing.

Q7. The white concrete associated with a curb extends into the street about 17-18 inches on each side. In some areas, very little of the white concrete is plowed, making most streets narrower. Is that the plan for snow removal? Have the drivers been instructed to only plow until they see the white concrete? ?

A: No. Drivers are instructed to get as close to the face of the curb without hitting it. Striking the curb can cause damage to equipment and curb. Depending on the snow amount, weight, speed, and windrow height, some snow may fall back into the road.