



City of Pittsburgh

Mt. Washington Landslide Mitigation

Response to Issues raised at the April 25, 2023 Public Meeting regarding William Street



During the meeting, several issues were raised, discussed and required follow-up by the Project Team. The following provides the response of the Project Team to those concerns within the limits of the Project's scope of work and funding.

1. Cola Street Drainage
 - a. **Description:** Residents are concerned about the current quality of Cola Street pavement and drainage, and are concerned about the quality deteriorating through construction. Specifically noted was a pavement sag in front of a resident's house that results in water in his basement.
 - b. **Response:** After site view of the street, DOMI has confirmed the reported condition - that the pavement surface is below the top of inlet. DOMI will coordinate with PWSA and Public Works to discuss possible mitigation options. Repaving will be evaluated in conjunction with the other paving needs in the City. Cola Street is not currently on the 2023 paving list.
2. Cola and William Streets Paving Schedule
 - a. **Description:** Discussion regarding the quality of paving in the area extended through multiple questions and was of interest to many community members.
 - b. **Response:** Residents are encouraged to submit requests for specific roads to be paved by calling 311. This system will track requests and may have an impact on the City's prioritization of paving needs as weighed with other areas throughout the City. Residents may review the City's 2023 paving schedule at the website (<https://pittsburghpa.gov/domi/street-resurfacing>). Cola Street is not currently on the 2023 paving list.
3. Pedestrian walkway through the Construction zone or on E Sycamore Street
 - a. **Description:** Some residents walk down William Street to access the T station or travel Downtown and were wondering if William Street pedestrian Traffic will be maintained during Construction. If William Street is closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic during construction, will an alternative route be provided, either a sidewalk down Sycamore Street or some other access.
 - b. **Response:** William Street, from Cola Street to Arlington Avenue, will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrian and bicycles, for the duration of construction. Providing a sidewalk for the full-length of E. Sycamore Street does not appear feasible for this project at this time. A specific pedestrian detour route will not be provided. Pedestrians are encouraged to utilize other available public thoroughfares such as the Mon Incline to safely travel from Mt. Washington to other parts of the City.



4. Japanese knotweed in Cola Street detour
 - a. **Description:** Residents are concerned about the spread of Japanese Knotweed down William Street and across the Cola Street detour. Attendees asked the Project Team if there were any plans to mitigate the impact of construction and to keep the Cola Street detour passable.
 - b. **Response:** The Cola Street – Lava Street Temporary road will be closed to vehicular traffic after completion of the Cola Street construction and the intent is to re-plant the area with trees and grasses to restore a trail-like feel. The Project design plans present a formalized Erosion & Sedimentation plan, with specific plantings and steep slope seed mixes required to replant all disturbed areas. DOMI, City Forestry and Parks Divisions will coordinate with the Contractor to deter the spread of invasive species, including Japanese Knotweed.
5. Continued conversations with Cola Street Lot 4-H-198
 - a. **Description:** A representative from the Cola Street residential construction project at Lot 4H198 expressed concerns with the possible negative impact of construction vehicles and materials on the foundation and construction of the new residence. If construction vehicles associated with the project are prohibited from using the Cola Street-Lava Street detour, the impacts of the Project construction on the Lot 4-H-198 residential construction will be minimized.
 - b. **Response:** Based upon the concerns voiced at the meeting, the Project specifications will specifically restrict the Contractor from using the Temporary Road from Cola Street to Lava Street.
6. Lighting on William Street
 - a. **Description:** A resident requested that lights be replaced and upgraded along the closed portion of William Street. She contacted 311 to request that street lights be repaired.
 - b. **Response:** Three additional lights have been added on William Street and the electric restored to the poles.