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I tried calling the City contact number and it was impossible to get through the phone tree. Is there a way to talk directly to someone?	The Engineering contact number is a message-only line – please select Option 2 and leave a message. All messages will be forwarded to the appropriate team member, who will call you back as promptly as possible. Alternately, please feel free to call or e-mail the City's lead community outreach consultant for the Upas Street project (Anna Buising of Infrastructure Engineering Corporation) directly at (650) 324-1665 or at abuising@iecorporation.com .
What material will be used for the new pipe and how long will it last?	Along most of the alignment, the existing cast iron transmission main will be replaced with cement mortar-lined and coated steel pipe (CML&C steel). Where trenchless construction (horizontal directional drilling) is used to cross the SR-163 corridor, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be used; it provides the flexibility necessary to allow the pipe to be "pulled" into place underground. Where a new, smaller-diameter distribution pipe is installed, it will consist of polyvinyl chloride (PVC). The life expectancy for all new pipe installed by this project is approximately 75 years.
Will trenchless construction be used where the project crosses the Florida Canyon?	The project crosses the upper portion of Florida Canyon at the intersection of Upas Street and Florida Street. This portion of the project will use conventional open trench construction. All construction work at the Florida Canyon crossing will be confined within the existing paved roadway. The Florida Canyon stream drainage is conveyed beneath this intersection in a culvert, and the new pipeline will be installed without the need to affect the culverted stream drainage.





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<p>Can you clarify the extent of street resurfacing that will occur in this project?</p> <p>Will all portions of Upas Street be resurfaced?</p>	<p>Street resurfacing will include asphalt overlay and slurry seal.</p> <p>Asphalt overlay will be used in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upas Street & Brant Street to Albatross Street & Walnut Avenue • Upas Street from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue, Vermont Street to Richmond Street, Alabama Street to Granada Avenue, North Park Boulevard to Indiana Street, and Granada Avenue North to Ray Street • Upas Street/6th Avenue intersection • 5th Avenue from Upas Street to Robinson Avenue • Park Boulevard from Upas Street to Robinson Avenue <p>Slurry seal will be used in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albatross Street and Walnut Avenue to Upas Street and 4th Avenue • Upas Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue • Upas Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue
<p>Will construction begin at one end of the project and move along to the other end, or will the project be constructed in pieces?</p>	<p>Details of construction scheduling will be worked out once the construction contractor is on board. In general, the approach will be to “roll” along alignment from one end to the other, but this may need to be modified to coordinate around the needs of project neighbors and events in the area. For instance, work in the vicinity of Balboa Park will need to observe the construction moratorium for the Balboa Park centennial celebration, and trenchless construction will likely be scheduled for the summer months to lessen the disruption to Roosevelt Middle School activities.</p> <p>As soon as the schedule is identified it will be posted on the project website, but please note</p>





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Will construction begin at one end of the project and move along to the other end, or will the project be constructed in pieces? (Continued)	that it may continue to change slightly as construction moves ahead. In general, pipeline installations of this type proceed at a rate of 200 – 300 linear feet per day, but actual speed of installation is influenced by site conditions, and can't be predicted precisely. To keep project neighbors "in the loop", the City's standard procedures provide for multiple notices and doorhangers in advance of construction, as well as a final doorhanger notice when construction is complete in each area. You can also call the City message line or contact the construction outreach consultant Vic Salazar Communications, directly with questions about the timing of work in your area.
Between Park Boulevard and Florida Street, Upas Street is a very narrow street. Will this portion of the project be constructed using the open trench method?	Yes, this portion of the project will use open trench construction. Traffic flow will be maintained as continuously as possible during construction using signage and/or flaggers. Access to homes and driveways will also be provided throughout construction.
What can we expect in terms of water service interruptions?	Where a parallel distribution main is being installed, brief interruptions in service to individual homes and businesses will be necessary when service connections are transferred over to the new distribution pipeline. Notice will be provided at least 5 days in advance of this work, and your service should typically be back online within a few hours.
Will traffic on SR-163 be affected, or will access to SR-163 be interrupted?	No. Trenchless construction is planned where the alignment crosses SR-163, specifically to avoid disruptions to this important highway corridor. All access to and across SR-163 will be maintained during the project.





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Will the use of hiking trails in the vicinity of the SR- 163 crossing be affected by staging for trenchless construction?	There will be no disruption to the use of these trails for trenchless construction; staging is expected to be confined such that access to the trails can be maintained during this phase of construction. However, the trail will be closed briefly to allow installation of a Caltrans irrigation line that is being relocated as a result of the project. The closure will be posted in advance on the project website, and informational signage will be provided at least 5 days in advance of that short-term closure
I have a doctor and dentist south of Walnut. Are there any special concerns they should be aware of?	There may be temporary traffic detours in this area, but access to the medical and dental offices will be maintained.
We [several commenters] live along Upas Street between Pershing Drive and Villa Terrace. This part of Upas Street has a real problem with stormwater drainage – during heavy rains, the street floods, landscaping can get washed out, and we have even seen the water overtop parked cars. Is it possible to provide improvements to storm drainage as part of this project?	Unfortunately not. Storm drain improvements are funded through a separate budget and as a result need to be addressed through a separate project process. However, the project team will reach out to other City staff to make sure they are aware that any upcoming storm drainage improvement should be coordinated with the Upas Street pipeline replacements if possible, to reduce disruption and avoid the need to repave twice.
In the past, we have seen trench backfills and paving subside, creating unpleasant driving conditions and a noise problem, as well as affecting the street's appearance. How can we be assured this won't happen with the Upas Street project; is there some sort of warranty in the event the trench fill or pavement fails?	There will be a 1-year warranty for the construction. The City is aware of past failures and is now implementing more stringent compaction and inspection requirements to help prevent this from happening in the future.
What type of street resurfacing will occur between Richmond Street and Park Boulevard?	The Upas Street and Richmond Street intersection will receive new AC overlay. Upas Street from Richmond Street to Park Boulevard will be slurry sealed.





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<p>I live in the Park Royal condos located on the east side of Park Boulevard just north of Upas Street. There are 48 units in this building. Residents are concerned about access to our driveways during construction; cars enter the parking area from Park Boulevard and exit onto Upas. We want to make sure ingress and egress aren't blocked at the same time. We are also concerned about potential impacts on the MTS bus stop on Park Boulevard in front of our building.</p>	<p>The project is not expected to affect access to your driveways. If temporary closures become necessary for any reason, the City will require the construction contractor to coordinate work such that at least one access to the Park Royal's parking area remains open at all times. Residents will be notified at least 5 days in advance, and the construction manager will coordinate with residents to reduce potential inconveniences.</p>

