

**From:** CNL District C [mailto:DistrictC@cityofhouston.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 07, 2007 3:15 PM  
**To:** 'Robin Holzer'  
**Subject:** RE: Kirby widening?

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about the reconstruction of Kirby Drive north of Highway 59. Let me begin by saying that I understand your concerns, and I think that we can all agree that we need to construct a road that is both safe and beautiful.

The Kirby Drive reconstruction project is being coordinated by the Upper Kirby TIRZ with oversight from the City of Houston. The project will be built in 3 phases to address storm drainage and infrastructure improvements on this vital city right-of-way. It is also a unique opportunity to design and build a roadway that will last for the next 50 years. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2008 on Phase I of the project, between Richmond and Westheimer.

The TIRZ, in producing preliminary plans for the project, followed City of Houston design specifications for our major thoroughfares. The City guidelines specify expanding the current 9 1/2' lanes to 11' and adding a 14' esplanade down the middle. I am working with all of the parties to try to keep the expansion limited and I am hopeful that we can achieve some flexibility in the application of the City's standards to design a street that is as attractive as it is safe.

You can **view the preliminary design plans** on the Upper Kirby TIRZ website: [www.upperkirby.org](http://www.upperkirby.org). They welcome your feedback and ideas.

A **community meeting** for all those interested in seeing the plans and providing suggestions will be held on **Saturday, September 15th** from 9 am - 11 am at the Upper Kirby TIRZ building, 3015 Richmond Ave. in the first floor conference room. I hope to see you there.

I will keep you apprised as the design process for this project continues. Thanks again for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely, Anne Clutterbuck

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