

**Notes from Near Northwest Management District Meeting
With Candlelight Oaks Residents
July 24, 2026
Improvements to Sidewalks and Trailhead Park on W. Tidwell Road
(Antoine to T.C. Jester Blvd.)**

The meeting with Candlelight Oaks residents and Near Northwest Management District on July 24, was a follow-up to an initial meeting regarding this project held in May 2023. Notes regarding that meeting are available [here](#). Since the 2023 meeting, the NNMD has made revisions to the project to address resident concerns shared at that time.

Below are highlights of the project as currently planned. The PowerPoint shared by NNMD at the July 24 meeting and the entire project plan is available at [NNMD - District Initiatives](#) (see Projects in Construction/West Tidwell Road Pedestrian-Transit Improvement.) This project is funded by Metro and the Federal Transit Administration and is part of a larger effort to address mobility and pedestrian safety in the Near Northwest area. It does not include the BNSF railroad crossing, as BNSF has indicated plans to address that project with their own resources. Traffic studies did not support the addition of a second stoplight along W. Tidwell. The project has a start date of 8/12/24 and is estimated to be completed 3/31/25.

T.C. Jester Trailhead park will be updated with a concrete walkway, seating areas, trash and recycling receptacles, and a drinking fountain. Collapsible bollards and cable fencing will restrict parking in the Trailhead Park. Shade trees, groundcover, and perennial plantings will be added. Cleanup of trees left from recent derecho and Hurricane Beryl will be the initial step in this phase of the project. Trailhead restoration will occur at the end of the project (Spring 2025.)

Sidewalks along T.C. Jester are broken up and do not meet American with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. These will be replaced with 6 ft. sidewalks required by federal legislation and the City of Houston. This may impact some fences along T.C. Jester (residents have been notified by NNMD of this possibility.) The construction manager pledged to limit impact as much as possible. In some instances, the sidewalk will extend from the street to the fence line. At the curve along Tidwell, a second curb will abut fences to promote safety and help protect back yards. Fences without “stable” posts and older fences that have trees along the property line may fall. If fences fall, they will be placed in residents’ back yards (they will not be hauled off or re-installed by the construction company.) The greatest impact will be the brick fence at the southeast side of Bolivia. Discussion is underway with NNMD, the CO Civic Club, and the residents regarding how to handle the brick fence which is outside the residents’ property line and serves a dual purpose as an entrance to Candlelight Oaks and a barrier for the resident.

Other features

There will be new/relocated streetlights along Tidwell, upgraded corners and street crossings that meet ADA requirements, and a new configuration of bus stops. Old AT&T boxes are expected to be upgraded or removed if no longer required.

Timeline and Notification

The project is scheduled to begin the week of August 12 and will be a 10 to 12 month effort. Construction will begin at the east end of Deep Creek, on the north side of Tidwell headed west toward OSL. Workers will be onsite from 7 until 5, Monday thru Friday. Residents located along Tidwell will be notified of construction with a notice on their front door a week prior to construction along their back fence. There will be intermittent lane closures along Tidwell as the work is underway.