

# HILLCROFT AVE BRIDGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is being done to the bridge?

The current bridge will be raised and modified to have four 11-foot wide lanes, including a left-turn lane and 10-foot sidewalks on both sides of the bridge.

## Why is the bridge being reconstructed?

The Hillcroft Ave Bridge is included in the Project Brays flood reduction program to widen the channel and reduce the risk of flooding. Increasing the capacity of the channel will allow for more floodwaters to flow throughout Brays Bayou into the Houston Ship Channel. Project Brays is a federal and local partnership with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and is estimated to cost \$480 million to complete.

## Will this bridge look like others?

Yes. All bridges reconstructed as part of Project Brays will be in accordance with the Project Brays design. The bridge will incorporate two sets of architectural columns supporting the expanded bridge deck with the street name displayed on the side of the bridge.

## Does this reduce the risk of flooding?

Yes. The modified bridge will be higher and longer to allow a larger volume of water to flow more freely under the bridge.

## Does this project increase the risk of flooding?

No. This project was initiated to widen the channel and reduce the risk of flooding.

## Does Project Brays eliminate flooding?

No. Although Project Brays will reduce the risk of flooding along Brays Bayou, the risk of flooding will remain. Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) recommends that everyone in Harris County have flood insurance to insure against the possibility of personal and financial loss. Visit [ProjectBrays.org](http://ProjectBrays.org) to see estimated future flood plains and view the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR Map).

## How long will the construction last?

Construction is projected to last at least three months, ending in late Summer 2020. However, the bridge will be open to traffic as soon as the construction allows. Construction schedules may be extended due to unplanned events.

## Why are you hosting a virtual public meeting for this project instead of an in-person public meeting?

In an abundance of caution and in line with other city and county agencies, HCFCD will be hosting a virtual Community Engagement Meeting for this project due to health concerns related to the COVID-19. A recorded version of the meeting will also be available on the project website and the HCFCD YouTube channel.

## Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Please contact Project Brays at 346-286-4820 or [communications@hcfcd.hctx.net](mailto:communications@hcfcd.hctx.net). You can also visit [ProjectBrays.org](http://ProjectBrays.org) if you have more concerns or questions.

