



# 2021-2022 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 4: September 16, 2021

## Meeting Attendees:

RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Erik Olson	Karen Pallansch
Liz Birnbaum	Caitlin Feehan
Mark McNutt	Justin Carl
Mace Carpenter	Nicole Bushnell
Dan Bradfield	

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group adopted an Electronic Participation Policy to permit members to participate in meetings through electronic means under certain circumstances.

## The highlights of the presentation included:

- A report from each SAG member on community feedback received since the last meeting
- An update on ongoing and upcoming Tunnel Project construction activities
- An update on hauling estimates and work hours for Tunnel Project construction phases
- An update on community outreach initiatives

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the SAG members and the answers provided by the RiverRenew team.

***Erik Olson asked if there was any pile driving associated with the construction of the slurry walls at the Pendleton and Royal Street Construction Staging Areas (CSA).***

Justin Carl, RiverRenew Program Manager, explained that there would be no pile driving associated with shaft slurry wall construction.

***Mr. Olson asked if new or existing fill would be used to extend the Pendleton Street outfall.***

Mr. Carl explained that new fill would need to be brought in to extend the Pendleton Street outfall.

***Mr. Olson asked about noise levels associated with sheet pile installation at the Pendleton Street outfall.***

Mr. Carl explained that the installation of sheet piles is one of the noisiest activities proposed at the Pendleton Street site. He explained that noise monitors are installed around the site and a noise and vibration specialist will be on site to monitor noise-generating activities.

***Mr. Olson asked how many combined sewer overflow events could be expected annually at the Pendleton Street outfall once RiverRenew infrastructure has been completed.***

Mr. Carl confirmed that the Pendleton Street outfall is projected to see less than four combined sewer overflow events each year after RiverRenew is complete.

***Liz Birnbaum asked if the City recycling bins along South Royal Street near the entrance to Jones Point Park would remain in place during construction at the Royal Street CSA.***

Mr. Carl confirmed that they are currently slated to remain in place but would be relocated if issues arise.

***Ms. Birnbaum asked if the southern sidewalk along Duke Street would be closed during construction activities.***

Mr. Carl explained that the Duke Street sidewalk between the Marriott Hotel and LaPorta's would be intermittently closed over a period of several months. During this time, pedestrians would be detoured to the sidewalk on the north side of Duke Street between Peyton Street and Daingerfield Road.

***Mr. Olson asked Mr. Carl to provide the definitions of scrim and grubbing.***

Mr. Carl explained that the *scrim* is the wrap on the construction fence surrounding the site and that *grubbing* refers to the process of removing vegetation from a work area.

***Mr. Olson asked if people on the ground surface would be able to feel any vibration associated with the tunnel boring machine.***

Mr. Carl confirmed that the community would not be able to feel vibrations associated with tunneling at the surface. He added that AlexRenew will be using instruments to monitor the tunnel boring machine during its operation.

**Action items from the meeting included:**

- AlexRenew to develop a one-pager on what RiverRenew will and will not accomplish.
- AlexRenew to investigate outreach ideas from SAG member feedback for the start of construction including additional signage at each site and the use of Nextdoor.
- As follow-up to feedback from SAG members, AlexRenew to confirm proposed Community Listening Sessions will occur ahead of significant construction activities.

**No comments or questions were submitted during the Public Comment period.**

**Other discussion points:**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.
- The 2021-2022 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group meets on the third Thursday of every other month. The next meeting will take place on November 18, 2021.