



# City Council/AlexRenew Board CSO Workgroup Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 16/ October 19, 2022



## Meeting Attendees:

CSO Workgroup	City of Alexandria	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Mayor Justin Wilson	Erin Bevis-Carver	Karen Pallansch
Vice Mayor Amy Jackson		Caitlin Feehan
AlexRenew Board Chair John Hill		Justin Carl
AlexRenew Board Vice Chair James Beall		Nicole Bushnell

The meeting convened at 5:11 p.m.

## The highlights of the presentation included:

- An update on RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction activities
- An update on community outreach initiatives
- A presentation on the forthcoming Commonwealth Interceptor

## The following is a summary of the questions asked by the Workgroup and the answers provided by staff:

**Mayor Justin Wilson asked how many more days were left on the permit for extended concrete pours at the Pendleton Street Site.**

Justin Carl, RiverRenew Program Manager, confirmed that concrete pours will continue for seven additional days.

**Vice Mayor Amy Jackson asked if RiverRenew has received any complaints regarding the extended concrete pours.**

Mr. Carl shared that AlexRenew has not received any complaints but has received one email from a member of the public thanking the RiverRenew team for transparency and proactive communication.

**Vice Mayor Jackson asked if RiverRenew is still testing soil at the Pendleton Street Site.**

Mr. Carl explained that RiverRenew crews test each cubic yard of excavated soil for contaminants.

**Mayor Wilson asked about the duration and anticipated noise levels associated with upcoming pile driving activity at the Pendleton Street Site.**

Mr. Carl explained that pile driving activities will likely occur over the course of approximately four months, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., as permitted by City ordinances. AlexRenew is currently conducting a noise analysis study and evaluating the potential for employing additional noise mitigation techniques.

**Vice Mayor Jackson asked if there were any concerns about vibration during pile driving activities.**

Mr. Carl clarified that while the RiverRenew team is not currently concerned about vibratory disruptions, they will continue to monitor vibration levels near the site.

**Mayor Wilson asked about a requested noise variance to conduct shaft excavation at the Pendleton Street Site from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

Mr. Carl confirmed that AlexRenew requested this extended hour variance in an effort to keep shaft excavation on schedule.

**Vice Mayor Jackson asked if wildlife would be monitored during shaft excavation at the Pendleton Street Site.**

Mr. Carl confirmed that wildlife would be monitored and deterred from the site by a previously installed turbidity curtain and sheeting.

**Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Jackson asked if the public will be able to see the TBM launch.**

Mr. Carl confirmed that AlexRenew will share videos and images of the TBM launch on AlexRenew's social media channels.

**Karen Pallansch, AlexRenew General Manager, asked if the group would like a short presentation on the forthcoming Commonwealth Interceptor Upgrade Project. The project is not related to RiverRenew or combined sewer overflows but we would like to build on the current partnership that we have now.**

Mayor Wilson and Vice Mayor Jackson agreed to discuss the project.

**Mayor Wilson asked about evaluating the time and cost associated with addressing the private side of infiltration and inflow (I&I).**

Erin Bevis-Carver stated that the City is currently investigating flow-monitoring data and other related estimates.

**Mayor Wilson asked about the process when privately owned sources of I&I are identified.**

Ms. Bevis-Carver explained that, to date, the City has not addressed those, as the Flood Action team is primarily focused on stormwater. However, the City does distribute messaging about sources of infiltration & inflow and disconnecting those sources.

**Mayor Wilson asked if the Commonwealth Interceptor animation is available online.**

Ms. Pallansch confirmed that the video is available on the AlexRenew website, as well as accessible via the QR code on the flyer provided to the group.

**Vice Mayor Jackson asked if I&I only relates to rainstorms or if snowstorms also have an impact.**

Ms. Pallansch explained that snowstorms could have an effect depending on how much snow falls, how quickly the snow melts, and if the snow precedes additional rainfall.

**Vice Mayor Jackson asked if AlexRenew will need to increase capacity at the plant to accommodate a larger Commonwealth Interceptor.**

Ms. Pallansch explained that infrastructure built for RiverRenew, including a capacity upgrade and additional pumping shafts, will help AlexRenew accommodate additional flows from this project.

**Ms. Pallansch thanked the group for their willingness to discuss the project and expressed that she would be glad to see the forthcoming project as a joint investment with the City's Stormwater team.**

**Other discussion points:**

- The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.
- The next Council-Board Workgroup meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on January 18, 2023.