



Pilot Project to Remove Quitman Signals

What are we doing?

This is a pilot project to remove three traffic signals and replace them with all-way STOP signs at these intersections:

- Quitman at South
- Quitman at Fulton
- Quitman at Cochran

Why are we proposing this change?

We believe this will make the intersections safer and operate better. Traffic volumes at these locations are not high enough to benefit from traffic signals. People driving, walking, and riding bicycle frequently have to stop and wait without any cross traffic.

How will this improve safety?

STOP signs can be more effective than traffic signals at encouraging safe vehicle speeds. Every vehicle at a STOP sign must stop, whereas a vehicle arriving at a traffic signal on a green light may proceed without slowing down. Additionally, drivers making a turn at a signal can sometimes turn quickly and crash into a person walking or bicycling; in contrast, drivers making a turn at a stop sign must come to a full stop before making the turn.

When will this project happen?

We will be deactivating the signals and installing STOP signs in mid-November, 2020. The pilot project is expected to last approximately 3 months. At that time, we will assess community feedback and traffic data to make a final determination. If at any point during the pilot we observe a traffic operations or safety problem, we may revert back to traffic signal operations immediately.

What is the long-term goal?

If we determine that the pilot project is a success, we will leave the STOP signs in place and remove the signal hardware.

Additionally, the City of Houston is working with Harris County Precinct 2, the Greater Northside Management District, and Metro to install bike lanes and new sidewalks along Quitman between Houston and Elysian. Construction is expected to begin in 2021. Depending on the results of this pilot project, the Quitman project will either modify the traffic signals or will be able to utilize the stop signs.

Where can I get more information?

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