

DEDICATED DRAINAGE AND STREET RENEWAL OPERATING FUNDS

Description and Mission

Administer the Build Houston Forward initiative in accordance with City of Houston Charter Article IX, Section 22, and Ordinance 2010-879 to enhance quality of life by minimizing flooding and improving mobility, street and bridge infrastructure, public safety and economic vitality. In FY2021, Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF) splits into three funds based on Ordinance 2020-0284:

- Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund – Drainage Charge (Fund 2310)
- Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund – Ad Valorem Tax (Fund 2311)
- Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund – Metro Et Al (Fund 2312)

Department Short Term Goals

- Continue to communicate to the public the benefits of the Build Houston Forward initiative through speaking engagements, stakeholder meetings, media and other channels.
- Advocate for increased funding for drainage infrastructure resilience projects.
- Coordinate city efforts to reduce flooding with other governmental agencies, city departments, civic groups, industry and citizens.
- Continue to interface with the Houston Permitting Center to accurately and timely bill for new improvements.
- Continue to increase Community/Stakeholder involvement:
 - Adopt-a-ROW (Right of way)
 - Input on Street and Drainage projects.
- Continue to expand Pavement Management Information System.
- Continue to perform preventive maintenance on Signal and Intersection Optimization per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements.
- Continue to comply with FHWA's other recommended guidelines.
- Continue to develop recommendations for a Bridge Management Information System.
- Continue to implement a pavement markings maintenance program.
- Continue to implement a pavement preservation treatment on citywide streets.

Department Long Term Goals

- Leverage technology, social networks and grassroots outreach strategies to proactively update the public on improvements to drainage and street infrastructure.
- Provide superior customer service through accurate & on-time billing, collection, and account services.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness in the daily operations.
- Improve responsiveness to public requests via 311.
- Continue pursuing better streets and better drainage.
- Foster opportunities to improve infrastructure by means of prioritization, standards, and intergovernmental relationships.
- Advance traffic maintenance operations by closely coordinating emerging traffic control solutions including automatic vehicle counting, increasing the existing bluetooth enabled traffic flow monitoring, installing video cameras, and digital signage.
- Implement an advanced intelligent transportation system that provides real-time traveler information, optimizes traffic signal operations, and place in action effective traffic system responses to mitigate congestion.

Department Organization

