

Frequently Asked Questions for Briarcliff Parkway

1. How long will this construction project take to complete.

The entire project was originally expected to be completed by November 1, 2010. Unexpected delays were encountered at the beginning of the project that may cause the project completion to be extended into 2011. To help the project minimize impacts from the construction to motorists and area merchants, construction crews will focus on construction on the north side of the project first.

2. How will this construction affect daily traffic in the area?

Motorist traveling through the work zones should expect delays and will come across detours. Currently, the ramp from Briarcliff Parkway to southbound Route 9 is closed and traffic is detoured to Route 169 to access Route 9. Motorists going to Waterwell Park and Tullison Road are advised to follow the posted detours.

3. There are two roundabouts planned in the vicinity of 9 Highway. Why is there not one planned at the intersection of Briarcliff Parkway and North Mulberry Avenue.

A roundabout was desired at the intersection of Briarcliff Parkway and North Mulberry Avenue; however, based on the terrain and size of the area at this current intersection, a roundabout was not conducive.

4. Presently the intersection of Mulberry and Briarcliff has traffic signals on wooden poles and wires. Will those Remain? If not, when will the stop signs be reinstalled?

The current traffic signals at this location are temporary signals being used to help traffic safely move through the area during construction. Once construction is nearly complete, these signals will be removed and, based on current design, will be replaced with permanent signals on decorative posts. The need for signals in place of a four way stop will need to be verified by the Kansas City Public Works Department.

5. Will the intersection have left turns lanes?

The current design for north and southbound Briarcliff includes the addition of left turn only lanes to help reduce congestion. East and westbound Mulberry will not change, meaning that it will remain with a lane designated as an optional right turn/straight lane and a left turn/straight lane.

6. Will sidewalks or trails be built as part of this project?

The west side of southbound Briarcliff will receive a ten foot wide multi-use path from Tullison Rd to Mulberry Dr.

The east side of northbound Briarcliff from Route 9 off-ramp to Mulberry will receive a five foot wide sidewalk.

The north and south side of Mulberry at each of the Briarcliff Intersections will receive a five foot wide sidewalk.

The north and south side of Tullison Road from Briarcliff to the Platte/Clay County Line will receive a five foot wide sidewalk.

7. Will the project include special paving and hardscape treatments as those found in the Briarcliff Village Area immediately to the north? *A retaining wall will be constructed on the northeast corner of Briarcliff Parkway and West Platte. There is no special paving on the project. The final paving surface will be asphalt.*

8. Is there a landscaping plan associated with this project?

New landscaping will be planted in the area. This includes trees, ornamental shrubs and colored or textured concrete at crosswalks. It is the intention of everyone to beautify the area as well as improve traffic flow and safety for both cars and pedestrians.

9. Will electrical lines be placed underground?

A majority of the electrical lines on the south side of Route 9 will be placed underground. On the north side of the project, between the northwest corner of North Platte Purchase and Briarcliff the lines will also be placed underground.

10. How is the project funded?

A portion of this project is being funded through funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated to KCMO via the Mid American Regional Council. The remainder of the project will be funded through a cost share with the Briarcliff Parkway and Highway 9 TDD (Transportation Development District) and the Missouri Department of Transportation.