A major construction project to alleviate flooding on VFW Boulevard at Roosevelt Avenue is moving along, but ironically, a news conference to highlight the progress was cancelled during last week's storms.

Residents can still learn about Bexar County's $8.5 million drainage project at a community meeting slated for Tuesday.

A new storm drainage system is being installed along VFW Boulevard from Roosevelt Avenue to the San Antonio River. The first phase of work from Padre Drive to the river was completed in January so it would be ready for the upcoming reopening of Mission County Park.

The project's second phase from Padre Drive to Roosevelt Avenue will add curbs, pavement, drainage inlets, bicycle lanes and sidewalks, along with traffic signals at Roosevelt Avenue.

The project is part of the county's 10-year, $500 million flood control initiative. County officials had planned to talk about the VFW project
Thursday, but the event got rained out.

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