

Central City Road & Utility Project - Phase 1 Project Newsletter 6

August 27th, 2020

Construction:

- Sanitary sewer & Water main reconstruction
- Storm sewer improvements
- Street & Sidewalk improvements
- Private utility relocation

Construction schedule:

Start: April 2020

Finish: December 2020

Top layer of street pavement to be constructed in 2021

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Project Update

- All work on the eastern phase of the project along Mooers Ave SE, 4th St SE, and 6th St SE has been substantially completed, except for mailboxes and signs which will be installed during the week of September 1st. The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be paved in 2021.
- Water and sewer services as well as storm sewer is scheduled to be completed along 4th St SW by September 2nd.
- RL Larson is scheduled to start removing asphalt, curb and sidewalk and setting up and testing a temporary water system along Millard Ave on September 2nd. You will be notified by the contractor when you will be connected to the temporary water system.
- The anticipated start date for reconstructing the road along 4th St SW is scheduled to start September 2nd. During this time the road will be dug out approximately 2' deep and filled in with sand and gravel. Drantile and sump pump connections will also be installed at this time.
- Watermain and sanitary sewer reconstruction along Millard Ave is tentatively scheduled to start September 8th.
- All remaining street lights along Millard Ave will be removed on Wednesday September 2nd. Millard Ave will not be lighted until after the street lights are reinstalled in October.
- **Check out this YouTube Video**
Bolton & Menk – What to Expect During Construction
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyFh4_3VpGY

Project Information

- Homeowners are encouraged replacing their existing private water and sewer service pipes from their house to the Property Line before this project is complete if needed. Dylan or Bruce can tell you the condition of your current services and need for replacement. The homeowner will need to coordinate with a contractor for this private work to occur. Replacing your private services now will alleviate future digging in your lawn, inconvenience, and peace of mind. Currently City policy requires homes that are sold to have their private sewer service line televised to make sure it is in acceptable condition. If it is found to be in unsatisfactory condition repairs must be complete prior to sale or escrowed.
- Drantile will be installed below the street and a sump pump connection at the Property Line will be provided for homeowner sump pumps to connect to. These connections will allow for sump pumps to drain directly into the new storm sewer system below the street and not onto streets or lawns creating a nuisance condition. It will be the homeowner's responsibility to connect to the pipe that is provided at the Property Line with your sump line. Please coordinate with Dylan for the location of these sump pump connection points whether you have a sump pump or not.
- It is critical to have sump pumps drain outside on the lawn or in a sump pump connection point and not in the sanitary sewer. Having sump pumps go in the sanitary sewer leads to unnecessary treatment of groundwater, higher sanitary sewer fees, and possible sewer backups.
- Please make sure that all garbage/recycling bins are brought out to the street the night before or prior to 7:00 AM on the day of pick up to ensure that the contractor can pick up all bins in a timely manner.
- Additional driveway or concrete work outside the scope of the City' project can be completed if homeowners wish to have additional private work done. All additional concrete work will be at the homeowner's expense. Please coordinate with Dylan or Bruce.

We all would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this improvement project!

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Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed or hand delivered to you periodically throughout the project. Feel free to contact any of the people listed on the left side of the front page with questions. For construction inquiries, contact the Superintendent or Construction Representative.

Alert

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system typically to the outside faucet until the new piping is installed and tested. The contractor may need to get into your basement in order to set up the temporary water. This may result in a decrease in water pressure.

Mail Delivery and Trash Pickup

For those with mailboxes, temporary mailboxes will be placed near the project area. Residents will be notified when the mail will be routed to the temporary mailboxes and where they will be located. The contractor will work with mail carriers to ensure that mail service will not be interrupted. The contractor will also assist residents with garbage service on the day of pickup. Continue to place your trash bins out by the street on your normally scheduled pick up day prior to 7:00 AM and the contractor will take it from there.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. A method called “hydro-seeding” will be used. The seed will be maintained by the contractor until acceptance. “Maintain” as defined in the contract includes, weed control and watering.

After that period, it becomes the property owner’s responsibility to maintain the new turf as part of their lawn – providing water, mowing and other necessary care. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new turf. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new turf shorter than 3”. You will be notified when the Contractor’s has fulfilled their responsibilities and turf maintenance becomes your responsibility. **To assist in seed germination and turf establishment, homeowners may also water the seeded areas prior to the Contractor fulfilling their responsibilities.**

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a “punch list” of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even occur in the following spring prior to the final lift of asphalt is placed. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the RPR for any issues you feel have not been addressed.

Access

When the project begins, parking near your property will change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park down the block where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Efforts will be made to restore access to your property as soon as possible. Access will be restrained for longer periods during underground sewer construction and will be intermittent during street grading, concrete curb and driveway construction, and bituminous paving. Residents are asked to please remove vehicles from garages and driveways prior to 7:00 AM to prevent the unintentional blocking of vehicles within driveways. The contractor will give advanced notice of access restraints to residents during construction. We realize parking and access is difficult and thank you for your patience! Please contact us if you need help in this matter or special accommodations.

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Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often times are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise if you observe an unsafe condition please report it to the Construction Representative immediately.