

Main Street and Sixth Street Reconstruction

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

As you know, the City of Blue Earth and Faribault County will be undertaking a joint construction project this summer to improve Main Street from 5th to 7th and 6th Street from Main to Nicollet. The project includes full reconstruction of the underground utilities, street surfacing, sidewalks and street lighting. The General Contractor for the project is Holtmeier Construction out of Mankato. In addition to their own staff, Holtmeier will also employ several subcontractors for the project including Nielsen Concrete out of Kasota for the sidewalks and street paving.

Holtmeier Construction began work this week by setting up traffic control and pedestrian barricades and removing the pavement on 6th Street. Work will continue on 6th Street for the next several weeks and generally proceed as described in the phasing sequence below.

CONSTRUCTION PHASING

The project is divided into three phases to reduce access and traffic disturbance to the businesses and general public.

Phase 1 – 6th Street from Nicollet to Main. The intersection of Nicollet and 6th is currently closed and will remain closed until underground utility infrastructure work in the intersection is complete. Main Street will remain open during this phase. Projected completion of Phase 1 anticipated to be around mid-July.

Phase 2 - Main Street from 5th to 6th. Main Street from 6th to 7th will remain open during this phase including the intersection of 6th and Nicollet Street will become the designated detour route. The projected start of Phase 2 is the end of June, which will overlap with the street construction work in Phase 1.

Phase 3 - Main Street from 6th to 7th. Phase 3 will begin only after Phase 1 is complete and open to traffic, which is expected to be around late July or early August. The 6th and Main Street intersection will remain closed and the detour will remain on Nicollet.

Temporary pedestrian access routes will be maintained throughout the duration of the project to provide access to businesses to the extent possible.

As with any major construction project the schedule may change depending on a variety of factors, including the weather. Communication is vital to keep all parties involved updated and informed. Newsletters similar to this one will be distributed regularly through the project duration.

WATER SHUTDOWNS

Occasional water shut-downs will be required for the crews to make connections to the existing water lines. We ask for your patience and understanding, as the Contractor will do their best to provide reasonable notice and reduce the length of any water shut downs required. The Contractor's plumber will be contacting each individual property owner to gain access to basements and crawl spaces for connection of new water services to each building.

CONTACTS

Bolton & Menk, Inc. is the City's engineer for the project, and will act as an extension of City Staff monitoring the construction work and interacting with the Contractor on a daily basis. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Wes Brown or Matt Cole at the phone number or email address listed to the left.