



August 25th, 2017

Greetings!

Update on the 18th Ave NE Reconstruction project

Park Construction Work

Park Construction spent the week removing the concrete pavement between Fillmore St and Central Avenue. Thank you for your patience accessing this section of road while the removals were taking place.

Next week they will begin laying the gravel base from Monroe heading east towards Central.

18th Avenue remains closed between Monroe and Quincy due to the storm sewer replacement and getting ready for grading. The detour route will be via Quincy and 18th ½ Avenue.

The sewer crew continued installing storm sewer between Quincy and Central. They plan to complete all the Sewer works between Central and Monroe next week and will then move onto the section between Fillmore and Central.

The underground work on the traffic signals at 18th and Johnson also began this week.

Please take extra care using the temporary gravel surface to access properties. Using side streets wherever possible would be preferred, especially when excess rainfall is currently predicted.

Center Point Energy Work

All the old gas main has now been removed between Central and Monroe St. Centerpoint now only have a small amount of pipe to remove between Polk St and Central Ave before they begin restoration work at Central.

City Water Dept.

The Water Dept. completed the formwork for the walls of the chamber at Lincoln and will pour concrete there next week. They plan to install the roof of the chamber following the Labor Day holiday. For safety reasons, Lincoln intersection south of 18th will remain closed until the roof has been installed.

City Sewer Dept.

The Sewer Dept. completed the replacement storm pipe in the alley between Polk and Tyler. From next Tuesday 29th the City Street paving dept. will start to prepare the remainder of the alley and carry out new concrete paving. The alley will not in use once the concrete has been poured to allow sufficient curing.

School Starting - Wednesday August 30th

We have agreed the temporary access route for Yinghua Academy School buses while construction work is taking place. Buses will cross 18th Avenue via Buchanan Street and drop off students between 8-9am on 16th Avenue. They will then turn around in the cul-de-sac and exit via Buchanan St. Student pick up will be between 3-4pm along the same route. We will keep you informed of any changes to the routes as construction changes. Please look out for increased traffic travelling to and from the School.

Typical working hours will be between 7am and 6pm Monday thru Friday. We will do our best to share changes to this in advance. Please understand that the construction schedules are subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

Our construction activities are likely to cause you some inconvenience, but we are hopeful that you will be patient and understanding as the work progresses. For our part, we will do our best to keep these inconveniences at a minimum. If you have any questions or concerns about this improvement project, please call me, at 612-673-3762. You can also contact the Chief Field Inspector on the Project, John Benjamin at 651-443-1096.

Important Reminders:

- Our equipment is large and heavy and can be **extremely dangerous** if one is not alert around it. We urge you to stay at a safe distance at all times. Please, above all, impress upon your children not to go beyond the sidewalk at any time and to stay away from material piles and equipment parked on or near the job site. Please observe all posted detour routes and warning signs and arrange to park on side streets or on another block when work is under way in your immediate area.
- Help us prevent vandalism during construction. It not only delays the project but adds to the costs. Your cooperation in reporting or preventing such acts is critical and directly benefits you.
- To save yourself time and money, if you have experienced any problems with your sewer and/or water connection it is recommended that you contact a licensed plumber as soon as possible to correct the problem **before** the street is paved. One problem frequently encountered in connection with street paving is the condition and age of the private water and sewer services from the house or business to the City main in the street. Occasionally, because of the age and condition of these services, they may require repair or replacement within a relatively short period of time after the new paving is completed. So, if you are planning to upgrade your water or sewer service, please call me at 673-3762 to coordinate with the project's schedule.
- To install new curb and gutter, sidewalks and the new shared use path, we will need to excavate within the City right of way. Please note that the City right of way extends beyond the back of the existing sidewalks. We will be excavating behind the sidewalk on the south side in order to install the new shared use path. After we complete this work we will remove our construction debris and place new topsoil and sod where it was disturbed. We plan to place sod in the fall of this year. Any private lawn sprinkler systems, decorative carriage walks, special flowers, bushes or other decorative lawn items in the City right of way are the responsibility of the property owner. If you have concerns or questions regarding your specific property, contact me or John.

Once again, we ask that you impress upon all children the dangers near construction equipment. We hope to inconvenience you as little as possible and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding while your neighborhood is being improved.

Thank you for your interest in the 18th Ave NE reconstruction project.

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