

South Washington Avenue: Street and Utility Reconstruction

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Washington Avenue (and Surrounding Area) Property Owners/Businesses:

As you are likely aware, the City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County have been working on developing a street and utility reconstruction project impacting South Washington Avenue and some of the adjacent Streets. The project area includes:



- South Washington Ave. - Willow St. to West Lake Dr.
- Forest St. - Washington Ave. to Lake Ave.
- Washington Avenue Alley - Fairfield Inn to Willow St.
- Western 500' of North Shore Dr.

The project will generally include the reconstruction of streets, curb/gutter, sidewalk, lighting, and some of the underground utilities. The underground utility replacement, including watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer, will generally be limited to Forest St., Willow St. intersection, and the alley (a bit north and south of Forest St.). There will only be more minor underground utility work, primarily storm sewer, on Washington Ave. The project will also include the removal of the Willow St. traffic signal, construction of a mini-roundabout at the Washington/Willow and Washington/North Shore intersections, colored concrete boulevards, trees, and other streetscape elements the will enhance this are of the community.

The City has awarded the construction contract to C&L Excavating (Contractor) of St. Joseph. The contractor will be commencing construction activity on the first phase of the project on July 13th. The Project will be phased as follows, in effort to minimize impact and maintain a level of access to adjacent properties. This notice is intended to provide some initial information about the upcoming construction in this first phase of construction.

Summary of Phasing Plan

Phase No.	Location	Approximate Dates/Schedule
1	Forest St. Washington to Lake & Washington Ave. Alley Fairfield to Willow St.	July 13 th to Early August
2	Willow Street Intersection (Including short portions of Willow and Washington)	Mid-August to Mid-September
3	Washington Ave. Willow to North Shore (not including North Shore Intersection)	Mid-September to Mid-October *Will not start until phase 1 is complete/open
4	Washington Ave. North Shore Dr. to West Lake Dr. & Western 500' of North Shore Dr.	Late September to Mid-October *Will not start until phase 2 is complete/open

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Summary of **UPCOMING** Construction Activity

- ➔ C&L Excavating and some subcontractors will begin mobilizing crews and equipment to the project area and starting removals in Phase 1 (Forest St. and Alley) during the week of July 13th.
 - The contractor will generally work +/-13 hour days (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Monday thru Friday. They may occasionally work Saturdays to maintain the project schedule or to make up for weather delays.
 - There may be times that work, including concrete sawing, needs to start earlier in the morning or run later into the night due to constraints with concrete construction.
- ➔ Initial preparatory work will take about a week and will include:
 - Set-up of road closures and traffic control. The street will be open for local access (to properties directly within the phase 1 area) when possible.
 - A dewatering system will be installed to lower the groundwater table to facilitate the replacement of sewer and water utilities on Forest Street.
 - The contractor and subcontractors will begin demolition and removals of the street surface, curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and trees.
- ➔ C&L Excavating will begin replacement of the underground utilities (sanitary sewer, watermain, service laterals, and storm sewer) during the week of July 20th. This will take about a week to complete.
 - During this time, trenching may limit access to your property, especially during active working hours. Trenching will extend past each property multiple times through the course of construction.
- ➔ Street Construction will follow the completion of underground utilities. Crews will start by shaping, grading and compacting the subgrade material in preparation for the street. The concrete curb will be placed. There will be several days with no access to your property after the curb and/or driveway aprons are placed to allow for curing. Then aggregate base will be placed, followed by the base course of bituminous pavement. The final item will include turf restoration and some tree planting.
- ➔ Further information about subsequent phases of the project will be provided as we get closer to the start of that portion of the project.

➔ **Impacts to Access and Services**

Water Service Interruptions: There will be some periods of water service interruptions. Generally, these will be short and you will be notified in advance. Occasionally there may be unplanned interruptions. Crews will work to restore water service as quickly as possible. Please contact project staff if you unexpectedly do not have water for more than one (1) hour.

Access: Temporary street and driveways will be provided to the extent possible throughout the entire project. During active construction and working hours, vehicle access to specific properties may be limited. The intent will be to backfill and

grade all areas smooth each evening to provide temporary vehicle access to all properties.

Garbage Collection: Continue with your normal process for garbage collection. We will work with haulers to ensure it is collected without interruption.

Mail Service: The post office may require that we establish temporary mailbox banks during construction to facilitate mail delivery. You will be notified if we are required to do this. Temporary mailbox banks will be located at nearby intersections.

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► Contact Us:

- ↳ If you have a lawn irrigation system please notify us and we will attempt to salvage the system.
- ↳ Special needs for access.
- ↳ If you have ANY other questions other items you think may be of importance to the project.

► General Comments and Reminders

- ↳ Please obey all traffic/warning signs, detours, safety fences, etc. They are there for your protection and the protection of construction staff.
- ↳ Do not let children play near construction activity or equipment. Watch from a safe distance.
- ↳ Do not disturb any construction stakes or utility locate flags. They are there to help us construct the improvements properly and to avoid accidental damage to utilities (such as electrical, phone, cable, and internet).
- ↳ Do not drive or walk on freshly placed concrete until notified to do so.
- ↳ The new turf will require your assistance to ensure proper long-term growth. Following the work, the disturbed areas will be seeded. The Contractor will assist in watering initially, but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the property owner. Your assistance with re-establishing turf is greatly appreciated.

► Communication and Updates

- ↳ C&L Excavating, along with the City/County Engineer's office, will have representatives onsite at all times. These representatives will do their best to keep you informed and updated on the construction.
- ↳ Contact any of the project staff (listed at the bottom of this notice) with ANY questions, concerns, or needs.
- ↳ We will be sending out emailed newsletters and progress updates generally every-other week (or as needed) in effort to keep everyone informed of progress, schedule, changes, access restrictions, etc. If you would like to receive these e-mail updates please send an email to jpratt@cityofdetroitlakes.com and request to be added to the progress update list. Please include your name and property address in the request.

► Our Thanks

We know construction can create some inconvenience and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this project. We will do what we can to try make the project as smooth as possible. Please feel free to contact me or other project staff (contact information below) with any questions

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****Onsite full-time staff and are often able to respond the fastest to questions and concerns.**