

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION STATUS

Updated September 29, 2022

PROJECT	CONTRACTOR	COMPLETION DATE	CONSTRUCTION STATUS
West Lake Dr. – Phase 1 Legion Road to County Hwy 6	C&L Excavating St. Joseph, MN	Intermediate – Nov. 2022 Final - June 29, 2023	West Lake Drive is closed to through traffic from Legion Road to County Highway 6. Local traffic will be able to access their properties via a one way (southbound) gravel surface along the corridor. This construction and roadway closure will continue until early November as construction crews complete the street and utility reconstruction project. See attached notice for further details.
West Lake Dr. – Phase 2 County Hwy 6 to Pelican River	Hough, Inc. Detroit Lakes, MN	Intermediate - Oct. 2022 Final - June 15, 2023	West Lake Drive is closed from County Highway 6 to the Pelican River. The detour for this section is State Highway 59 and County Highway 6. This construction and roadway closure will continue until early November as construction crews complete the street and utility reconstruction project. See attached notice for further details.
County Highways 5, 7, 15, 22, 145, Fern Beach Drive and Buckhorn Road. Bit. Surfacing	Mark Sand & Gravel Fergus Falls, MN	October 7, 2022	Fern Beach Dr. – all work has been completed. Buckhorn Road – all work has been completed. Co. Hwy. 15 – all work has been completed Co. Hwy 7 – all work has been completed. Co. Hwy. 5 – all work has been completed. Co. Hwy. 22 – all work has been completed. Co. Rd. 145 – all work has been completed
Highland Drive Reconstruction	Sellin Brothers, Inc. Hawley, MN	Intermediate – Nov. 2022 Final - June 30, 2023	Roadway is closed to through traffic, a detour route is set up using Randolph Rd, 13 th Ave, 11 th Ave and State Highway 34. Most of the dirt work has been completed between Mountain Road and State Highway 34 and the 8 th Street and Mountain Road intersection. 8 th Street and Mountain Road are now open to local traffic. Work has now begun on the south end near Randolph Road. Local access suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you live north of Mountain Road access from State Highway 34. - Residents between 8th St and Meadow Rd should talk with onsite personnel about daily access. Residents between Meadow Rd and Randolph Rd should access from Randolph Road. - Residents along Sharon Ave, Cindy St. and Paula St. should now access from 8th St. and Mountain Road.
County Highway 39 Co Hwy 38 to State Hwy 34 Shouldering Widening	Dennis Drewes, Inc. Frazee, MN	October 28, 2022	Culvert work and tree clearing began the week of August 15 th . Contractor has stated that road closure and dirt work will begin the first week of October.

West Lake Drive – Phase 1: Street and Utility Improvements

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West Lake Drive Property Owners/Residents:

The contractors have been making a lot of progress over the last month and it felt like a good time to provide a bit of an update on the project and the upcoming work. In short, much of the next few weeks will look like the last few weeks in terms of construction activity. However, we will be starting to wrap up a few elements of the project and transitioning to other work. The following provides a summary of work completed and a look at the next few weeks.



August 1st –
September 15th

Summary of **COMPLETED** Construction Activity

- ➔ In August crews completed most of the removal and demolition work along with construction of the temporary access road.
- ➔ C&L Excavating has spent most of its effort working on watermain installation. To-date, they have completed around 70% of this work, starting at Co. Road 6 and progressing north. They have stopped work on this while additional dewatering is installed on the remaining northern portion of the project.
- ➔ Crews recently started work on some of the storm sewer installation, beginning near Co. Road 6 and progressing north.
- ➔ Casterjon and Detroit Lakes Public Utilities have been working on the installation of conduit for the new underground electrical distribution and telecommunications systems. This work started near Legion Road and has been progressing to the south.

September 15th –
Early October

Summary of **UPCOMING** Construction Activity

- ➔ C&L Excavating is going to continue to work on storm sewer installations in the southern half of the project over the next week.
 - Note that the temporary access road may shift around construction activity at times to facilitate installation of storm sewer structures. Please follow the barreled route around this work if you encounter it.
- ➔ On Monday (9/19) C&L plans to begin construction activity on the installation of a new sanitary lift station, located near the West Lake Condos. This work will take about a week to complete.
- ➔ After the lift station is complete work will resume on the remaining watermain installation in the northern 1/3 of the project.
- ➔ As the underground utility work (watermain & storm sewer) is completed in the southern portion of the project, the contractors will begin street grading activities, placement of aggregate base, and other work to prepare for the placement of curb/gutter.
 - Currently we are anticipating starting curb/gutter work around the middle of October.

► Impacts to Access and Services

Dock/Boat Lift Removals | We realize the construction activity is going to create some challenges for dock/lift removals, that are starting to happen. In portions of the project there is a dewatering header pipe that is along the easterly side of the project. This make getting equipment to the lakeshore difficult. This pipe will be removed after the remaining watermain is installed, within a couple of weeks. This will improve your access to the lake shore for dock removal. Please make sure to store docks/lifts on the east side of the silt fence. This should ensure they don't conflict with construction activity. Please coordinate with project staff if you need further assistance related to dock removals.

Water Service Interruptions | There will be some periods of water service interruptions. This is to facilitate the connection of a new water transmission main to the existing watermain. Generally, these will be short, and you will be notified in advance. Unplanned interruptions are rare, but can happen. 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 30 minutes.

Access | A temporary access road has been constructed along the length of the project (Legion to Co. Road 6). The access road will be clearly marked with traffic cones, barrels, etc. This will consist of a ONE-WAY gravel surface, allowing access from the north (Legion) to the south (Co. Rd. 6). You will be required to travel south to Co. Rd. 6 when leaving your properties. This access road is intended to provide access to local properties only. West Lake Dr. will be closed to thru traffic. Driveway access will be provided to the extent possible throughout the entire project, but it can be challenging at times. During active construction and working hours, vehicle access to specific properties may be limited at times. The intent will be to backfill and grade all areas smooth each evening to provide temporary vehicle access to all properties.

Garbage Collection | Please place curbside receptacles along the temporary access road on your usual collection day. We will work with haulers to ensure it is collected without interruption.

Mail Service | The post office requires that that we establish a temporary mailbox bank during construction to facilitate mail delivery. This bank is located near the north end of the project area (vicinity of Legion Rd. intersection).

Dust Control | The contractor will routinely apply water to subgrade to try and mitigate dust to the extent feasible. However, this can be futile during hot, dry, and/or windy conditions.

► Contact Us:

- If you have a lawn irrigation system, please notify us ASAP and locate the system to avoid damage.
- Special needs for access.
- If you have ANY other questions or other items you think may be of importance to the project.

► General Comments and Reminders

- Keep in mind that construction plans, timelines, and schedules frequently change due to a variety of factors including weather, coordination with subcontractors, utility relocation activity, and other unforeseeable circumstances. We will do our best to keep you informed of schedules and other activities that impact you as a property owner. However, there are situations when this is not practical and work plans must change abruptly. A condensed construction schedule means we may need to deviate from communicated plans with little or no notice. Please understand that there are many moving parts to this project and a finite plan is not always possible.
- 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). We will remove the stakes and flags once they are no longer needed.
- Do not drive or walk on freshly placed concrete until notified to do so.

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➔ Communication and Updates

- ➔ C&L Excavating, along with the City 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. They will also be coordinating any interruption in water service or vehicle access.
- ➔ 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 two or three weeks (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 inconvenience, frustration, and headaches. This project is arguably more challenging than most for a host of reasons. Understand that we need to balance minimizing inconvenience with the need to move construction ahead as quickly as possible. 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.

Project Staff - Contact Information

****These staff are onsite full-time and are often able to respond the fastest to questions**

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West Lake Drive – Phase 2: Street and Utility Improvements

Construction Notice ➔ September 9, 2022

West Lake Drive Property Owners/Residents:

It's been a couple of months since we sent out a newsletter and felt it was time to provide some updated information concerning the progress of the project. Crews have been focused to underground utility work on the south end of the project to-date. This has minimized the impact to most residents other the Breezy Shores. Work is starting to move north of Breezy Shores at this point. The following information provides a summary of work completed, upcoming work and schedule, and general construction information.



Phase 2:
Co. Road 6 to the
Pelican River

Summary of **COMPLETED** Construction Activity

- ➔ Hough has spent the last couple of months working on underground utilities in the southern half of the project area. Much of this work was deep, resulting in challenges with groundwater and other conditions, leading in additional time to complete the work. Despite these challenges, the project is generally on schedule. Underground utility work in this area is now substantially complete. Work completed in this area includes:
 - Installation of the new sewer lift station, related process piping, and preparations to place the facility in service. There is some minor surface work to be complete yet, including installation of the control panel and electrical service.
 - Crews have substantially completed the installation of all sanitary sewer, watermain, sewer forcemain, and storm sewer. Crews will need to return to this area for some minor connections in future weeks.

Phase 2:
Co. Road 6 to the
Pelican River

Summary of **UPCOMING** Construction Activity

- ➔ Hough is currently starting to work on sanitary sewer and other underground utilities, north of the Breezy Shores area. Work will generally move from the south to the north (towards Co. Road 6). However, there will be multiple cycles of this trenching (one for each of the underground utilities).
 - Access to properties will be periodically interrupted as crews trench by properties for the underground utility installations. We will provide notice to impacted properties. Access will be restored as soon as possible but certainly by the end of each day.
- ➔ At some point in the coming weeks, it will become necessary to remove the temporary access road along the east side of the project. As this happens, crews will create a new gravel access route to facilitate access to your property.

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- ➔ Once the underground utilities are installed, they will begin connecting service laterals to each of your properties.
 - This will result in a temporary suspension of water services at each property. These will generally be short (+/-2 hours) and you will be notified in advance.
- ➔ Grading crews will also begin street construction/restoration in the southern portion of the project where underground work is complete. This will begin with subgrade grading and be followed by placement of aggregate base and construction of concrete curb/gutter.

➔ Impacts to Access and Services

Water Service Interruptions | There will be some periods of water service interruptions. Interruptions can happen for the connection of new watermains and connection of new service laterals to your property. 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 30 minutes.

Access | Temporary street and driveway access will be provided to the extent possible throughout the entire project, but it can be challenging at times. 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.

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- ➔ 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.

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