

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction is moving along well. Pipe work will be completed in Stage 1 (3rd St. So. thru 5th St. So.) this week. The Contractor was able to bust up the concrete street and perform sidewalk removal in Stage 2 (5th St. So. to 7th St. So.) – ahead of their original proposed schedule!

We have revised the construction phasing to allow the intersection of 5th Avenue S. and 7th Street S. to remain intact until Stage 3 of the project. The signed detour that was put in place at the beginning of construction will remain in place directing traffic to 7th Avenue S. from 8th Street S. to Southview Blvd.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Next week, the underground work will move to Stage 2 starting with new water main installation. We will continue to provide residents advanced notice of scheduled water shutoffs that will affect them by door hangers and/or in person notification.

The street crew will begin grading operations on Phase I – tentatively Monday or Tuesday. They will begin grading at Southview Boulevard and will work their way south.


Please Note: The Contractor will be working around the active watermain facilities while they are installing the new watermain. When working around these live facilities there is always the possibility that a line could be hit or damaged which would require an emergency shutdown of the water system. **If this occurs we will not be able to provide notice as these shut-downs are not planned.** We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in those cases.



SAFETY FIRST



The Contractor has posted signs at the alley entrances to notify motorists that no through traffic is allowed. Please note that alley speed limits are 10 mph and there may be more activity in the alleys due to the construction out front.

Use caution around the work site during the construction. Large and small construction equipment will be working in the area during the street improvements and it can be a powerful draw to curious children (of all ages). Remember to stay clear of construction equipment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction is appreciated. 

PROJECT CONTACTS & INFORMATION

- For construction related questions or concerns, during the hours the Contractor is working, please call the project representatives:
 - Tom Madigan (Lead Inspector) at (651) 554-3212
 - Mat Steely (Inspector) at (612) 636-7825
 - Lee Elfering, City Engineer, at (651) 554-3210 (Monday-Friday, 8 – 4:30)
 - After hours or on weekends you can leave a message to receive a follow-up call on the next business day at (651) 554-3210
 - Emergency after work hours, call 911
- For general project related questions, call (651) 554-3210 (Monday – Friday, 8 – 4:30)
- The project website will be used for posting construction newsletters and relevant information. The website address is <https://5thaves.com/>. Sign up to be e-mailed the newsletter!



OTHER IMPORTANT WATER INFORMATION

The City has sent out letters to all properties along the roadway informing residents of the existence of lead water services in the project area. Some of these residents have already begun replacing their lead services. However, there may be others lead services that we are unaware of. As the Contractor is performing the watermain work, we will determine the material type for each water service as we encounter it. If we encounter any indication of a lead water service to a property, that property owner will be notified.

The City will be replacing every water service from the City's main to the curb stop as part of the project. The replacement or work on the water service line from the curb stop to the house is the responsibility of the property owner. If a lead service exists to a residence, we would strongly recommend the property owner replace the remaining portion of the water service. However, the decision to replace is up to each property owner.

Should you choose to replace your service, each property owner would need to obtain a Contractor for completing the work of replacing their water service from the curb stop to the house. **The City does have programs at this time to help residents with the cost of replacing lead services, and due the impacts of our construction project you will likely be able to replace the service at less cost at this time rather than in the future after the road work is done.** If you have any questions on lead water services or if you would like more information on the cost saving programs the City has at this time, please call the City Engineer at the number below or look on the City's website.