

2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project

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Construction Schedule:

Start: April 2018
Finish: June 2019

Working Hours:

7am-7pm
Monday through Friday
and some Saturdays

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Overview

As you know, the City of Spring Valley is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along South Washington Avenue, Freemont Street, Franklin Street, High Street, Church Street and Park Street. The project includes the reconstruction of the sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer and all street surfacing.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on March 7, 2018 and the project was awarded to Elcor Construction, Inc. from Rochester, Minnesota on April 9, 2018.

Hathaway Tree Service began tree removals on April 23, 2018 and will continue to work south along Washington Avenue.

Elcor Construction, Inc. is currently scheduled to begin work on or about **April 30, 2018**. They plan to set up temporary water and mailboxes, and may begin saw cutting driveways and sidewalks.

Midstate Reclamation is currently scheduled to reclaim the road surface as early as **May 7th, 2018**. First phase of reclaiming will be on Washington Avenue north of Freemont Street. Removals and underground utility construction will follow.

Questions

Private Utilities

The gas, electrical, and communication companies may start their relocation work prior to Elcor Construction starting their work. This may cause intermittent disruptions in these services. Those utility companies will be in contact with you.

Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Bryan Holtz or Drew Weber at the phone numbers or email addresses listed.

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Alert

Detour and Access

During construction, access through the construction zone will be difficult and limited or restricted depending on the construction activity taking place. Local traffic should obey road closed signs and find alternate routes around the active construction zone. At the end of each day, the contractor will be required to provide temporary gravel surfacing to allow local traffic through the construction zone.

Access to driveways will be limited and intermittent during construction, depending on the construction activity taking place. At the end of each day, the contractor will be required to provide temporary gravel surfacing for driveway access. However, direct driveway access may be limited during the day when excavation and other construction activity is occurring adjacent to driveways. In addition, when concrete curb, walk, and driveways are being constructed, access to driveways will be restricted for extended periods, possibly up to 7 days.

Wet weather will also make access difficult for periods of time. If you are concerned about access during construction, or have questions, please contact Steve Vrieze at the phone number listed on the first page.

Garbage and Mail

Garbage and recycling collection will continue on its regular schedule during construction. You should set your garbage and recycling containers out as you normally would. During times when the garbage truck is unable to access the front of your property for any reason, the contractor will label and

move them to an accessible location for pickup and return them to you after collection.

Mail delivery will continue during the project. The contractor may elect to set up temporary mail boxes in a centralized location that will be accessible to the postman. You will be notified if your mailbox location will be affected.

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. This may result in a decrease in water pressure and warmer than normal water.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them if necessary to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any underground improvements, such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.



Construction Safety

Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often times are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise if you observe an unsafe condition please report it to the RPR immediately.



Water

Temporary Water Pipe Installation

The contractor will be installing a temporary watermain pipe along Washington Avenue, Franklin Street, High Street & Church Street. Residents will still have access to their water during this process.

The temporary watermain pipe will go above ground and will run through your yard. This pipe will be used to provide water to houses during existing watermain replacement.

When watermain installation begins, the contractor will need to access your home to turn off your water supply to the old main and connect to the temporary system. Residents will be able to set up appointments that fit their schedule to do this. Future instructions will be sent out when the temporary water system will be turned on.