

2023 Bituminous Street Improvements St. Joseph, Minnesota

Project Update



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Hello and welcome to the *2023 Bituminous Street Improvements Project Update*. In this and upcoming issues of the Update, we will be updating you on the project status.

The project team consists of the City of St. Joseph, SEH, and Larson Excavating Contractors. SEH is the civil engineering firm that serves as City Engineer for the City of St. Joseph and will serve as the contact between the Contractors and residents.

We hope to provide accurate answers to your questions and concerns in a timely manner. However, when more than one team member needs to be consulted, it may take a little longer to provide you with accurate and up-to-date information.

Jerry Siegfried, SEH Project Representative, will be on-site during construction to observe project progress and the Contractor's work. Jerry is the fastest link to problem solving because he communicates directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Jerry with any questions you may have. Jerry will be driving a blue Chevy Silverado. If you are unable to reach Jerry in the field, please contact Bryce Johnson at the SEH Office at 320.229.4381.

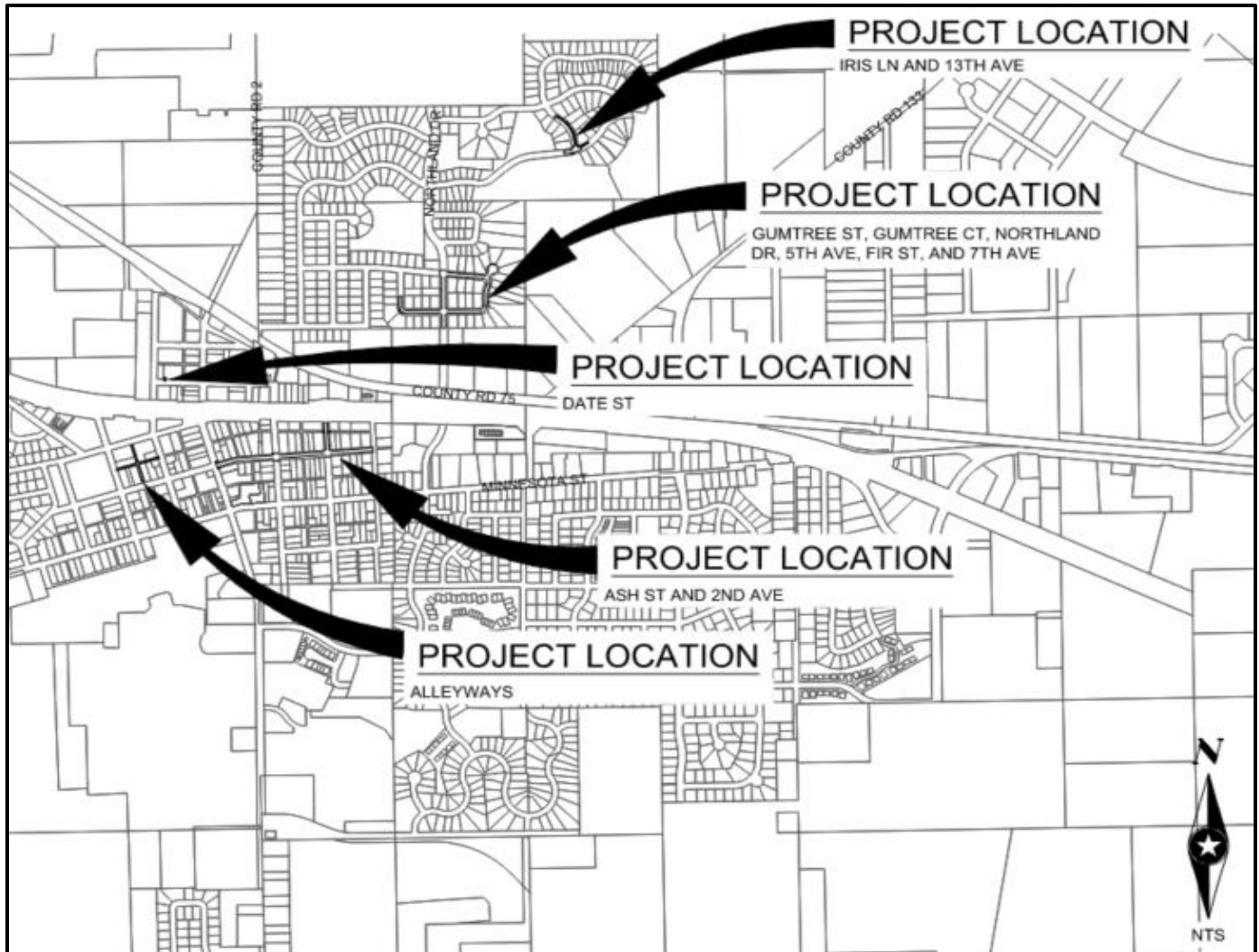
Project Status

The City of St. Joseph awarded the construction contract to Larson Excavating Contractors. Larson Excavating Contractors is the General Contractor who will be responsible for constructing the street improvements.

Construction in progress in many of the areas, most notably the Northland Heights neighborhood. The Contractor has proposed the following schedule for the project locations:

- Block 11 alley way construction is proposed to begin following private utility relocation, which has is currently underway. Municipal utility construction is anticipated to take approximately 1 week.
- The remainder of the Alley Ways street surface will be reconstructed following the installation of sanitary sewer.
- Storm Sewer work along Iris Lane and 13th Avenue is scheduled for completion the week of **August 28th**. Street restoration is scheduled to begin immediately following completion of utility installation.
- Concrete curb and gutter removals are underway. Bituminous pavement removals are scheduled for **August 30th** in the Northland neighborhood.
- Bituminous surfacing is tentatively scheduled for **September 14th** in all project areas.
- Bituminous milling is scheduled for **August 30th-31st** along 2nd Avenue and Ash Street.

Project Location



Description of Project

The scope of work for each project area is as follows:

- The Block 11 alley ways will have the existing street surface removed and a new sanitary sewer main will be installed along the east-west alley way. The alley ways will then be reconstructed which includes excavating existing soil and constructing new layers of gravel and bituminous surfacing.
- Ash Street and 2nd Avenue will have a mill and overlay performed. This involves milling(grinding) an 8-foot wide area of pavement adjacent to the curb and gutter, and then installing a new layer of bituminous surfacing.
- Date Street will have bituminous pavement removed, and a new water line and valve installed to correct a leak.
- The Northland neighborhood will have existing pavement removed, existing gravel fine graded, and finally two new layers of bituminous surfacing installed. Sections of damaged concrete curb and gutter will also be replaced.
- Iris Lane and 13th Avenue will have areas of pavement and curb and gutter removed, storm sewer pipe and structures will then be removed and replaced with new precast concrete pipe and structures. After which new bituminous pavement and concrete curb and gutter will be installed.
- All areas of grass that are disturbed will be restored after the work listed above has been completed.

**URGENT!
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
NEEDED**

Special Information

It is very important that anyone with special needs or disabilities contact us as soon as possible. We are in the process of working with emergency response organizations to locate any residences that may have a special need, so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific residence(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Jerry Siegfried with SEH at 320.980.4107.

**Preservation of
Construction Stakes and
Utility Flags....We need
your help!**

Please do not remove any wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed on the boulevards. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents in your neighborhood.

Your help in keeping bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress safely.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What kind of activity can I expect during construction?*

A: Construction is tedious, and we understand it can get old quickly. At times, it may even seem like not much is getting done. Remember, patience is the biggest asset that each of you bring to the job. If you keep in mind the fact that this project will be completed, hopefully construction will seem to go faster for you!

In addition to the General Contractor, there will be several subcontractors working at various times on site. There may also be private utility companies (gas, cable television, telephone, and electric) on the site locating or moving existing lines. Please bear with us, the General Contractor has a fixed amount of time to get the work done, and we will be working with all parties involved to help see that this time commitment is met.

Q: *Who do I call if I have a question?*

A: Please call SEH's Project Representative, Jerry Siegfried, at 320.980.4107 if you have a question regarding the project.

Q: *What will happen to my **sprinkler system** or **pet containment system** during construction?*

A: Because the proposed improvements are primarily street resurfacing improvements between the existing curbs, it is anticipated impacts to sprinklers or pet containment systems behind the back of the curb will be minimal. However, property owners on corners with a sidewalk, particularly, should be mindful of the following. Property owners who have a sprinkler system or pet containment system in the right-of-way and next to the edge of curb and gutter, the edge of the roadway, or the sidewalk are encouraged to contact Jerry Siegfried at 320.980.4107 to inquire on potential impacts. It may be necessary for you to temporarily remove a portion of your sprinkler or pet containment system within the public right-of-way or public easement area. The sprinkler distribution pipes should be exposed and pulled up to the property line so they are visible to the Contractor. Since the sprinkler heads are often the most expensive component of the system, consider removing them from the distribution pipes. Apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris. The City and Contractor will not be liable for damage to sprinkler systems that are installed within the public right-of-way. Residents should reinstall the systems after the turf restoration work is complete.

Q: *How will I receive my mail during construction (not applicable for PO boxes)?*

A: During construction, the mailboxes may be removed and replaced by the Contractor with temporary mailbox banks at a location(s) directed by the Postmaster. Your mail will be delivered to the mailbox banks until construction is complete. Following construction, mailboxes will be reinstalled. You will receive notice when your mail service will return to normal.

Special Events

If you are planning a special event, such as a family reunion or have commercial deliveries, please notify the SEH Construction Observer. Please provide as much advance notice of the event as possible, ideally a week. We will forward your information to the Contractor in an effort to accommodate your access needs as best as possible.

Construction Zone

Barricade and road closure signs may be installed throughout the project area to protect motorists during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs! "Road Closed" signs are used where the road is impassable and closed to all traffic except for the Contractor's equipment or officially authorized vehicles. "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs are used where through traffic must detour to avoid a closure some distance beyond the sign, but where local traffic can move up to the point of closure. In this instance, local traffic would be defined as residential traffic from the particular street under construction.

There will also be brief times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited, particularly when fresh, hot bituminous is being constructed. Access to your property is important to us, and Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

As the Contractor's operations move during the course of construction, you may observe that signs and barricades move as well. We understand this may be frustrating! Please allow extra time in your schedule as you drive through the construction zone. Please advise your family and guests to exercise caution and safe driving speeds. Be sure workers and heavy equipment operators see you before driving around them.

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