



CSAH 27 (Agency Street) Reconstruction Project Newsletter

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Construction schedule:

Start: May 2021
Finish: October 2021
Final Paving: Summer 2022

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Overview

As you know, the City of Eagle Lake is partnering with Blue Earth County to undertake the reconstruction of Agency Street (County State Aid Highway 27). The project includes complete street and utility reconstruction from Thomas Drive to Le Ray Avenue.



Project Timeline



Access

The City's and County's contractor, Dirt Merchant Inc. (DMI) has completed underground utilities, gravel base, and concrete curb and gutter on Phase 1. Concrete sidewalk and driveway construction will resume on Phase 1 the middle of next week. For the protection and longevity of the new concrete, no vehicle traffic will be allowed on the driveway pavement for **7 days** after the initial placement.

There was a delay in starting Phase 2 due to normal temporary water glitches, but underground construction is now fully underway and will continue for a few weeks before the street is prepared for the new aggregate base. A scheduled water outage affecting many residents will be required to make water connections at Thomas Dr. – you will be notified of any interruptions in advance. Vehicle driveway access during this time will be impossible for most residents – please contact the construction representative with questions or concerns.

The existing pavement in Phase 3 is scheduled to be reclaimed on August 19th. Until then, the Contractor is preparing the temporary water system for Phase 3. DMI will dig down in your front yard to connect the temporary water pipe to your water service before underground construction begins in this area. You should expect to be without water for approximately 30 minutes during this process. The Contractor will knock on your door to provide notice of the water shut down.

Some factors out of the Contractor's control have created minor delays in the construction schedule. The anticipated timeframe to complete most of the work is middle to late October. The *tentative* construction schedule for the work is listed below:

- Phase 1 (Linda-Parkway): Complete concrete in 3rd or 4th week of August
- Phase 2 (Thomas-Linda): Construct gravel base in late August
- Phase 3 (Parkway-LeRay): Reclaiming existing pavement on August 19

Request: **Please refrain from disturbing or removing the colorful locating flags in your lawn.** These are placed to tell the Contractor where buried utilities are and if removed, it is more likely that these lines get damaged (which can be problematic and *dangerous*). The Contractor will remove the flags when they are no longer needed. Thank you for your cooperation!



Updates

Informational social media updates and newsletters will be sent periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Joe Smith using the information listed. For more information and FAQs, please visit the following websites:

Blue Earth County Project website:
<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CSAH27>
City of Eagle Lake Project website:
<https://eaglelakemn.com/city/current-construction-projects>



Sewer and Water

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times; however, planned shutdowns and disruptions will occur. Residents will be provided notice prior to the anticipated shutoff periods. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. The Contractor will dig down in your front yard to connect your water service to the above ground temporary water supply. In rare cases, this may result in a temporary decrease in water pressure.

Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed as close as possible to your property line and reconnected as part of the City project. You will be notified if your services appear to be in poor condition beyond the connection point. Homeowners are responsible for all work between the property line and the house if desired. Please contact the Construction Representative if you plan to privately reconstruct the remainder of your services in conjunction with this project.

Please contact the Construction Representative if you have questions or encounter issues pertaining to your sewer and water service.



Alert

Private Items in Right-of-Way

If you have items such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. within 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 the 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

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, material stockpiles, construction supplies, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often 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 Construction Representative immediately.

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a "punch list" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even be in the following year prior to the paving the final layer of asphalt. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the Construction Representative for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Turf Restoration

The Contractor will restore grass following underground and street construction. The new turf will be seeded. For a period of time the seeded areas will be watered and maintained by the Contractor. However, if homeowners do their part to help water and weed these areas, the new grass is more likely to thrive. After the Contractor's maintenance period, it becomes the property owner's responsibility to water, mow, and provide other necessary care. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new grass. Set the mower at its highest level and never cut the new grass shorter than 3 inches.

Driveways & Sidewalks

Please contact the Construction Representative before curb and gutter construction if you wish to widen, move, or otherwise change your current driveway. New concrete driveways and sidewalks are sprayed with a white curing compound. This keeps the moisture content high in the concrete to provide for better curing and strength. Please stay off all new concrete until instructed otherwise by the Construction Representative. Do not seal a new concrete driveway for at least 3 months.



Map

