

North Side Improvement Project Construction Newsletter

April 4, 2024

Construction schedule:

Start: April 8, 2024
Finish: June, 2025

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Overview

The City of Atwater is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities within the project areas included on the location map. The project includes street construction, sanitary sewer improvements, water system improvements, and storm sewer improvements. **This will be the only scheduled physical mailing and all future updates will be provided electronically.** Please visit the project website located in this newsletter to sign up for project updates via email and/or text message.

Sequence of Construction

A tentative construction schedule for each project area has been attached to this newsletter for your reference. The following is a general schedule sequence of construction for the improvements:

- Installation of traffic control devices and erosion control.
- Tree Removals: As part of the preparation for the improvement, certain trees along the project area will need to be removed. While we try to avoid removing trees to the extent possible, it is necessary to remove some trees that will be impacted by construction. Trees that will need to be removed are being marked with ribbon. **Tree removals are anticipated to be completed in all project areas starting April 8.** Additional tree removals may be necessary as the project progresses.
- Surface Removals: reclaiming street pavement, removing concrete curb & gutter, and removing driveway surfaces. The reclaimed pavement will be left in place and compacted to serve as a temporary driving surface. Driveways will be ramped and made accessible at the end of every workday.
- A temporary water system will be installed for the project areas that include watermain replacement. Temporary water lines and service lines can become detached and should not be moved by residents if possible. The Contractor may need brief access to the water shut off valve inside your house to complete the switch to temporary water.
- Underground construction of the sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer. During the underground construction there will be limited access to your residence, and it may be necessary to park on a nearby street and walk to your residence. Please communicate with your neighbors if this will require walking through yards to access your property.
- Street Construction: This will include the installation of the subsurface edge drain piping system, the sand and gravel base sections, concrete curb and gutter, and asphalt base.

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Sequence of Construction (continued)

- Driveway and sidewalk construction will follow the street building construction. After concrete has been poured, there is a 7-day curing period for the concrete to build enough strength. Sidewalk installation is planned only in the locations where it currently exists.
- Turf Establishment: All green space areas that are disturbed with construction will be restored with topsoil and seeded with the project. After the new seed is installed, it will be your responsibility to water the new seed to properly establish the turf.



Timeline

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- 2nd St N, 3rd St N, & 4th St N, and Ramsey Avenue**
 - Construction Starts April 8
 - Construction Ends July 19
- Roosevelt Ave, Orchard Ave, & Lincoln St (North of Hwy 12)**
 - Construction Starts June 24
 - Construction Ends September 20
- 5th St N, 6th St N, Minnesota Ave, Atlantic Ave, & Lincoln St (South of Hwy 12)**
 - Construction Starts July 29
 - Construction Ends November 8
- Idaho Ave**
 - Construction Starts June 1
 - Construction Ends September 2

****Schedule is tentative and subject to change*



Access

Streets/Driveways

In the interest of safety, the streets will be closed to non-local traffic during construction. As construction continues there will be periods of time where access to your driveway will not be possible. At the end of the day, the street will be restored and graded so that residents can access the street. If construction is delayed due to inclement weather, assume it will proceed the following day.

Mail Service

Temporary mailboxes will be provided for residents within the project area. Mail will be delivered to the temporary mailboxes for the duration of the project. The locations of the temporary mailboxes will be determined at a later date.

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Access (Continued)

Garbage/Recycling Service

Garbage and Recycling: **Residents are asked to label their garbage and recycling bins by writing their house number on a piece of tape and attaching it to their bins.** Place the bins near the street on pick-up days and the contractor will move them as needed for pick-up.



Alert

Sprinkler Systems/Dog Fences

We request sprinkler systems and dog fences be marked by the property owners so the contractor can avoid them when possible during construction.

Disruptions to Water Service

Water service will generally be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions may 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.

Work Area Safety

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.



Contacts

Moving forward, all project updates will be provided electronically on the City of Atwater's Construction Project Website, www.AtwaterNorthSideImprovements.com. Please sign up for email and text message updates on the project website. We encourage you to watch the "What to Expect During Construction" video located on the project website for more information on what to expect during the construction process. If special access accommodations to homes is needed or if you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact any of the people listed on the left side of the front of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this improvement project.



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Location Map

