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2020 South Interceptor and North Forestview Improvement Project Update

May 22, 2020

Construction of:

- South Interceptor Forcemain
- Lift Station
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Storm Sewer
- Street Reconstruction

Construction Duration:

Start: April 27, 2020

Finish: October 30, 2020

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Dates

For the week of May 25 – 29, planned activity will continue west of TH 371 with watermain being installed on Ironwood Drive. Watermain and forcemain will be installed in the casings under TH 371 and then installed to the east just shy of the Fuschia Drive and Land O' Lakes Road intersection.

Work within the North Forestview neighborhood will continue on Camwood Trail from Scenic River Drive to Highland Scenic Road. Dewatering will be installed and the lift station and sanitary sewer on Camwood Trail begun. The Contractor will be mobilizing a second utility crew and plans to install the storm sewer outfall from the Mississippi River to Camwood Trail.

Private utility companies (gas, electric, and communications) will continue to relocate their infrastructure on Camwood Trail from Highland Scenic Road to the lift station.

A directionally drilling crew will continue installing forcemain on the south side of Highland Scenic Road from Chestnut Drive to the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Thursday and Friday.

Looking Ahead

The week of June 1st to June 5th the directional drilling crew will move to sanitary sewer and watermain crossings under Highland Scenic Road at Chestnut Drive, Camwood Trail, and Forestview Drive. **Highland Scenic Road will remain open, but these streets just south of Highland Scenic Road will be temporary closed while excavations for the drilling equipment and pipe installation is completed. Temporary detours will be signed to route traffic around these areas and provide access for local traffic.** A more detailed schedule of these intersection closures will be provided in next week's update.

See the map attached at the end of this newsletter for these areas highlighted in red and labeled.

As construction west of TH 371 and directional drilling along Highland Scenic Road is completed, construction will begin to concentrate within the North Forestview neighborhood. In June, multiple crews will be installing sewer and water and activity within the neighborhood will increase.



Access

The Contractor has planned working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. During underground utility installations pipe is planned to be constructed until 7:00 p.m. and backfilling of trenches completed thereafter.

Local traffic will be allowed to use the affected streets to gain access to businesses and their homes during construction. There may be periods when you will not have access to your driveway when utility trenches are open directly in front of your property. The Contractor and Inspector will coordinate with property owners when access will be limited to their property.

The Contractor will work with the postmaster and garbage haulers to establish temporary locations during construction. You will be contacted in the future regarding location and timing for these services during construction.

Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles.



Contacts

Contractor

Doug Moen, from R.L. Larson Excavating will be the project manager for the contractor. He can be reached through his cell phone at 320-980-2511. Jeff Wipper, from R.L. Larson Excavating will be the project superintendent for the project. He can be reached through his cell phone at 320-980-2523.

Engineer

The consulting engineer for the project is Bolton & Menk, Inc. - We encourage those with project concerns to direct them through the engineering contacts.

Alex Voit from Bolton & Menk will be on site representing the City during construction. He will be providing construction observation and coordination. You may call him at 218-821-1913 or e-mail him at alex.voit@bolton-menk.com with any questions or comments you may have.

Bryan Drown from Bolton & Menk is the project engineer for the City. You may call Bryan at 218-821-5242, or e-mail him at bryan.drown@bolton-menk.com.



Construction

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 Alex immediately.

Individuals present on the construction site must also follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health related to COVID-19. The Contractor and Engineer have protocols in place to adhere to hygiene and social distancing recommendations.

 **Updates**

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be provided to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Bryan or Alex at the phone number or email address listed above.

Weekly construction meetings will be held when construction begins. Meetings will be held each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. As long as COVID-19 social distancing requirements remain in place weekly construction meetings will be held virtually. When restrictions are lifted, weekly construction meetings will be held on site and are open to property owners. Until that time Bolton & Menk will send out weekly project updates.

Bolton & Menk is developing an e-mail distribution list for project updates. Please e-mail Bryan Drown at bryan.drown@bolton-menk.com with the e-mail address(es) you would like updates sent to.

Bolton & Menk has developed a project website where construction updates will be provided. Please check the website for updates after the project has begun. A link to the website will also be provided on the City of Baxter website.

The project website address is: <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/baxter2020improvements/>

 **Alerts****Service Line Connections**

Sewer and water services will be constructed as close as possible to your property line as part of the city project. Homeowners will be responsible for hiring a contractor to abandon or remove the existing septic system and make the sewer and water connections between the property line and the house.

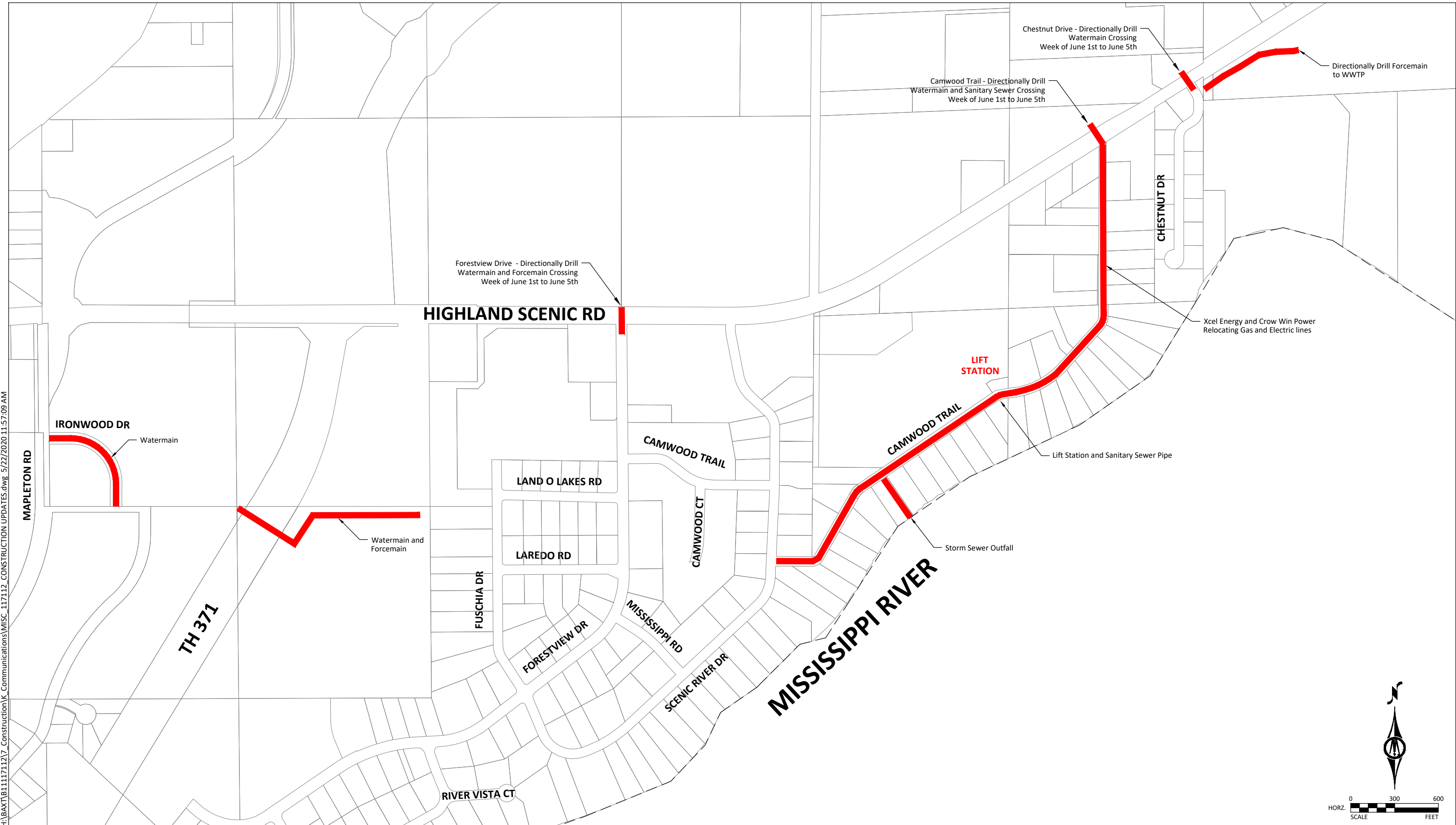
Please contact, or have your excavating contractor contact, Alex Voit at 218-821-1913 to coordinate your desired location of sewer and water service line locations at the right-of-way

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.

 **Map**

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