

# Leland Parkway/W 1<sup>st</sup> Street (CSAH 16) Improvements

May 5, 2020

## Construction:

- Bituminous Streets
- Bituminous Trail
- Watermain
- Water Services
- Storm Sewer

## Construction schedule:

Start: May 8th, 2020

Finish: November 20th, 2020

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## Project Website

A website was created to provide updates and information about the various projects going on in Blue Earth. Go to the link below to find information and to sign up for email or text notifications. This will replace the previous method of mailed newsletters and email updates.

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/be2020/>

## Overview

As you know, the City of Blue Earth and Faribault County will be undertaking a joint construction project this summer to improve W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Leland Parkway (CSAH 16) from Grant St to T.H. 169. The project includes full street reconstruction with storm sewer and watermain replacements. The project was awarded to Ulland Brothers, Inc from Albert Lea, Minnesota. In addition to their own staff, Ulland Brothers will employ several subcontractors for the project. This project will be broken into three phases to reduce access and traffic disturbance to the businesses and residents. You can find a map showing the phase limits on the project website. Newsletters like this one, will be sent out to the email group during certain milestones to help keep residents informed. In addition to this, small updates will be provided weekly to keep you up to speed. It is important to note that information and scheduling might change due to weather and unforeseen issues. We will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is the engineer for the project. They will act as an extension of City Staff in monitoring construction work and interacting with the contractor daily. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Bolton & Menk's representatives listed on the lower left side.

## Project Timeline

Ulland Brothers is currently scheduled to begin Phase 1 work on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Phase 1 will start at T.H. 169 and end at the Main St. bridge. Traffic control will be installed Friday morning closing this segment of Leland Parkway to traffic. Saw cutting will take place throughout the entirety of the project on Friday, however, removals will only occur in Phase 1 at this time. There is a thin lift of bituminous over the existing concrete throughout the project. On Friday, the contractor is planning to grind the asphalt off from the street in Phase 1. Trees that are needed to be removed have been marked with pink ribbon. Tree removals are scheduled for next week. Phase 2 work will start mid-summer, once Phase 1 is close to finishing. Phase 3 work will be last and will not start until late summer.

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## Questions

### Trees

Some tree removals are necessary to construct the street improvements. Trees that are identified for removal are marked with pink ribbon. Tree removals are scheduled for next week. If you have any questions about your tree, please contact Wade Bartz. A new 2" diameter Autumn Blaze Maple tree will be installed for every tree removed on the project. Wade will coordinate the location of the new tree with you.

## Water Shutdowns

Occasional water shutdowns will be required for the crews to make connections to the existing water lines. Water shutdowns will not occur until Phase 3. We ask for your patience and understanding, as the Contractor will do their best to provide reasonable notice and reduce the length of any water shutdowns required. Typically, we will try to ensure at least a one-day notice is given for shutdowns and the outage limited between 2 to 8 hours long.

## Access

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park at a neighbor's house or on a side street, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience. The contractor is looking into ways to provide access to residents and businesses throughout construction. We will communicate access restrictions on a regular basis throughout the project. You may contact Wade to discuss your needs and concerns.

## Garbage, Recycling & Mail

Until further notice, continue to place your garbage and recycling bins where you normally place them for each scheduled pick-up. We ask that you please have your garbage or recycling bins at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m. the day it is supposed to be picked up. This will help the contractor know that garbage and recycling bins need to be moved to side streets. The contractor will contact and coordinate with the pick-up companies. Please write or display your house number prominently on your bins so they can be returned to you.

The contractor will contact and coordinate with the postal service on how mail will be delivered during the project. Temporary mailboxes will be installed where needed.

## COVID-19

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has been changing our everyday lives. The Governor's Stay at Home Order specifically lists public works and the construction trades as exempt from the order. Therefore, construction will proceed while practicing social distancing and other strict guidelines to help prevent the spread of the virus.