

South Linton Area Street & Utility Improvements

What to Expect During 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, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and oftentimes are not recognizable by the general public. The contractor has the 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 Bolton & Menk Representatives immediately.



Questions

Utilities

CenterPoint Energy will be working in the area to relocate some or all of their existing utility lines along the project. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City but is necessary to prepare for the proposed utility and street construction and to update their aging facilities.

Trees

Unfortunately, some tree removals are necessary to construct the street and utility improvements. Trees planned to be removed within the street right of way, have been carefully considered by Bolton and Menk and City staff. Trees planned for removal will be marked with pink paint or ribbon prior to being removed. These trees will be marked at the beginning of the project. If you have any questions about your tree, please contact the Bolton & Menk Representatives. See the **“Tree Reimbursement Form”** under the Helpful Links section for information about installing new trees.



Water Shutdowns

Occasional water shutdowns will be required for the crews to make connections to the existing water lines. 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 is limited between 2 to 8 hours long.

Emergency shutdowns may occur as well. This would be an unplanned shutdown due to unforeseen circumstances. In these rare situations, notice will not be provided, and the contractor will work diligently to address the issue and get the water turned back on as soon as possible.



Temporary Watermain

While new watermain is being installed within the project, temporary watermain will be used to provide water to residents. There will be a small blue or yellow pipe that runs down the boulevard. Individual water lines to properties will stem off from the blue or yellow pipe, connecting to either the hose spigot or existing service. It is important not to move or mow over these lines. Doing so could break the pipe, resulting in a water shutdown.

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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 irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.



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 in the alley, 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. We will communicate access restrictions regularly throughout the project. You may contact Wade Bartz to discuss your needs and concerns.



Sump Pump Information

The new streets will contain six-inch subsurface drains installed at the bottom of the roadway section to remove subsurface moisture and reduce the risk of frost heaves. These subsurface drains will be located one foot behind the back of curb and will run parallel with the street. These subsurface drains will allow residents to connect their sump pump discharge lines to avoid the surface discharge that commonly occurs causing pavement deterioration. The sump pump line will be stubbed out to the property line. As construction progresses, we will coordinate the location of these sump connections with the homeowner. Roof drains are not allowed to be connected to the subsurface drains.



Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. For this project, sod will be used. The sod will be maintained by the contractor for 30 days. "Maintain" as defined in the contract includes, weed control and watering. If you notice problems with the placement and/or condition of your sod, please contact Bolton and Menk representatives before the end of the 30-day period.

After that period, it becomes the property owner's responsibility to maintain the new turf as part of their lawn - providing water, mowing, and other necessary care. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new turf. **See the "Caring For Newly Sodded Lawns" section for helpful tips and guidance.**



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 spring prior to the final lift of asphalt being placed. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact Bolton and Menk representatives for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.