



2019 Street Improvements Project Newsletter

July 12, 2019

Project Overview

Empire Township's 2019 Street Improvements is in progress. See the attached project phasing map on page three for locations. All the storm sewer has been installed in areas that do not have existing curb (Phase 1 Full Reconstruct). In the next month and a half these areas will receive new concrete curb, concrete driveway aprons, and new pavement. Areas with existing curb have received spot concrete curb replacement and the first layer of new pavement (Phase 1 and Phase 2 Partial Reconstruct). Work on 170th Street has not yet started.

What to expect

Full reconstruct areas (July-August)

1. Crews have recently started removing the roadway pavement and the bottom part of your driveway, leaving a drivable gravel surface. Crews will work in the next week to construct the roadway to its final grade.
2. The week of July 22nd crews will begin pouring concrete curb. Letters have been sent out notifying the impacted residents of this and notices will be handed out providing an exact date prior to the work being done. Please note that new curb cannot be driven over for about 7 days following placement as the concrete hardens.
3. After the concrete curb has hardened, a concrete apron will be placed at the bottom of your driveway. You will not have access to your driveway for 3-4 days as the concrete apron hardens. Anything that was removed beyond the apron will be replaced with the same material as your existing driveway (asphalt, concrete, or gravel) during this time as well.
4. Crews will install two new layers of asphalt pavement.
5. After the concrete curb has hardened and the first layer of pavement has been installed, crews will begin restoration work in the boulevards. This includes top soil, sod, and mailbox re-installation. The contractor will be responsible for maintaining the sod for a 30-day period, but they would greatly appreciate any help you can give them in watering the sod.

Partial reconstruct areas (July-August)

1. The sod that has been disturbed by the spot curb repairs will be replaced at the same time as the sod work in the full reconstruct areas.
2. After the first layer of pavement has been installed on the full reconstruct areas, the contractor will install the second layer of pavement throughout the entire project area.

170th Street (no timeline)

1. The contractor has not yet provided a schedule for this work. It is expected to begin sometime after the neighborhood area has been completed.
2. While 170th Street is under construction it will be closed to through traffic.
3. When this work begins the contractor will reclaim the pavement along 170th Street into a gravel drivable surface. Crews will also remove the bottom part of existing driveways.



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4. Crews will grade the gravel surface to final grade.
5. Crews will install the three layers of pavement and replace the removed portion of the driveway with the same material as the existing driveway (asphalt, concrete, or gravel).

Protecting your private features

To protect your private features (such as landscaping, irrigation, and any structures) from construction, please temporarily remove them from the Township right of way (about 15 ft behind the street). Any damage to private features in the right of way will not be repaired, replaced, or altered by the Township or the contractor.

Garbage Services

Garbage and recycling cans should be moved to the end of driveways by residents on garbage days as normal. If the garbage truck cannot get to your property during the day, the contractor will move your cans to an accessible location for the truck and bring them back at the end of the day.

Parking

During construction, the contractor will typically work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On-street parking will not be available during working hours. If you need to leave past 7 a.m., you may need to park on another nearby street. Access to driveways will be restored at the end of each work day except during the concrete work. If you have a recreational vehicle (boat, camper, etc.) that you need a place to park during the concrete work, the Township has approved parking at the Maintenance Facility located at 2577 Vermillion River Trail. Please park in the southwest corner of the Maintenance Facility Parking Lot. Please register your name, number, and license plate at Town Hall prior to parking at the Maintenance Facility in case the Township needs to get in contact with you. You may also park in the Town Hall Parking Lot off of 197th Street prior to **July 31st**. **All vehicles must be cleared out of the Town Hall Parking lot by July 31st**. Call Jeff Hince with the Township at (651) 470-5056 with any questions regarding parking.

Construction communication

The contractor will notify you with a paper notice at your door before any major construction activities such as driveway closures, paving, etc. Weekly updates will be provided on the project website and will be sent out via email blast. Be sure to subscribe for email updates on the project website!

Questions/Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Eric Hauser to discuss. If necessary, an onsite meeting can be coordinated to go over any specific issues.



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