

## Lake Avenue Construction Newsletter

June 4, 2025

## **Construction:**

- Concrete Streets
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Storm Sewer
- Concrete Curb & Gutter

## Construction schedule:

Start: June 9, 2025

Fall Completion: November 21, 2025

Final Completion: June 2, 2026

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## **Contractor**

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## **Overview**

As you may know, the City of Fairmont is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along Lake Avenue from County Road 39 east to the Fairlakes Avenue intersection. The project includes the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer, water system, storm sewer, street, and driveways within the street right-of-way.

## **Project Timeline**

Competitive bids for the work were received on May 8, 2025, and the project was awarded to ICON, LLC from Dodge Center, Minnesota on May 12, 2025.

ICON, LLC is currently scheduled to begin work on Monday June 9th. The fall completion date is November 21, 2025 and final completion date is June 2, 2026 to allow for turf establishment.

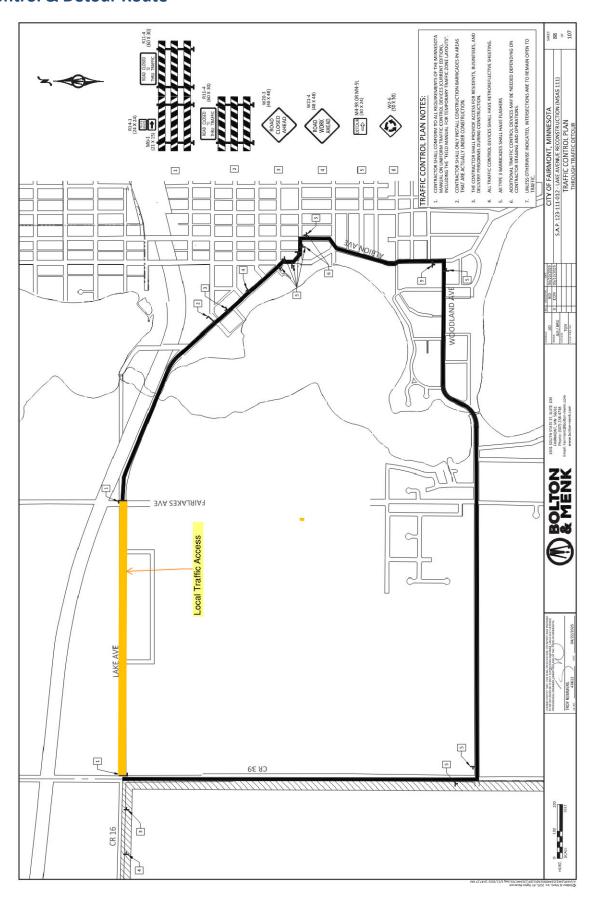
The first step of construction will be removing the street pavement. The contractor plans to start on the south side of the street first then move to the north. The gravel surface will be graded and treated for dust control for local access. During this time temporary water service on Lake Avenue throughout the project extents will be installed. Temporary water will consist of a sanitized auxiliary water line that is connected into effected water services to limit water supply disruptions. This will be followed by construction of the new watermain and sanitary sewer down Lake Avenue. Following the water and sewer on the south side of the street storm sewer will follow on the north side of the street. Once utilities are complete paving will begin one side of the street at a time. During this time access to driveways will be intermittent on this block for local residents and businesses will have limited or slightly modified access as paving occurs. We kindly ask for your patience during this disruption and we will do our best to facilitate access for residents and businesses.

#### Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be distributed periodically throughout the project. The city has also created a website for this project. You can go to the website to sign up for notifications and look at project maps. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Tyler Cowing or Chris Paris at the phone number or email address listed.

https://clients.bolton-menk.com/fairmontlakeave/

## **Traffic Control & Detour Route**



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# Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will be provided at most times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Residences throughout the project extents will be connected to a temporary water supply system. This may result in a decrease in water pressure. Homes will be connected to the new watermain as soon as it is available for use.

# 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.



#### 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 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 CPR immediately.

## Garbage, Recycling, & Mail

During construction, until further notice, continue to place your garage and recycling bins where you normally place them for each scheduled pickup. We ask that you please have your bins at the end of your driveway the evening before its scheduled pickup. This will help the contractor coordinate their relocation to accessible areas. Please write or display your house number notably on your bins so they can be returned after pickup.

The contractor will be placing a bank of mailboxes at the end of the project (likely at the intersection of Fairlakes Avenue) However, large packages may not be delivered and may require the resident to pick them up at the local post office. Contact the CPR for mail delivery issues.



## **Local Resident & Business Access**

Local traffic will have access during the duration of the project except in rare circumstances for utility connections and/or driveway approach construction.

The contractor's plan is to provide 2 way traffic during most of the project with one way alternating traffic during limited phases of the project. Business access will be maintained during the project.

Please let us know of any special deliveries or circumstances you may have.

## **Turf Restoration**

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. Hydroseeding will be completed on all disturbed areas on the project. The seeding will be maintained by the contractor until acceptance. "Maintain" as defined in the contract includes weed control and watering for 30 days.

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. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new turf shorter than 3".