

Park Street Construction Newsletter

July 15, 2024

Construction:

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

Construction schedule:

Start: July 16, 2024

Fall Completion: November 1, 2024

Final Completion: June 20, 2025

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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 Park Street from Budd Street south to the Albion Avenue intersection. The project includes the replacement of the existing sanitary sewer, water system, street, sidewalk, and driveways within the street right-of-way.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on April 25, 2024, and the project was awarded to Mensing Construction from Blue Earth, Minnesota on May 13, 2024.

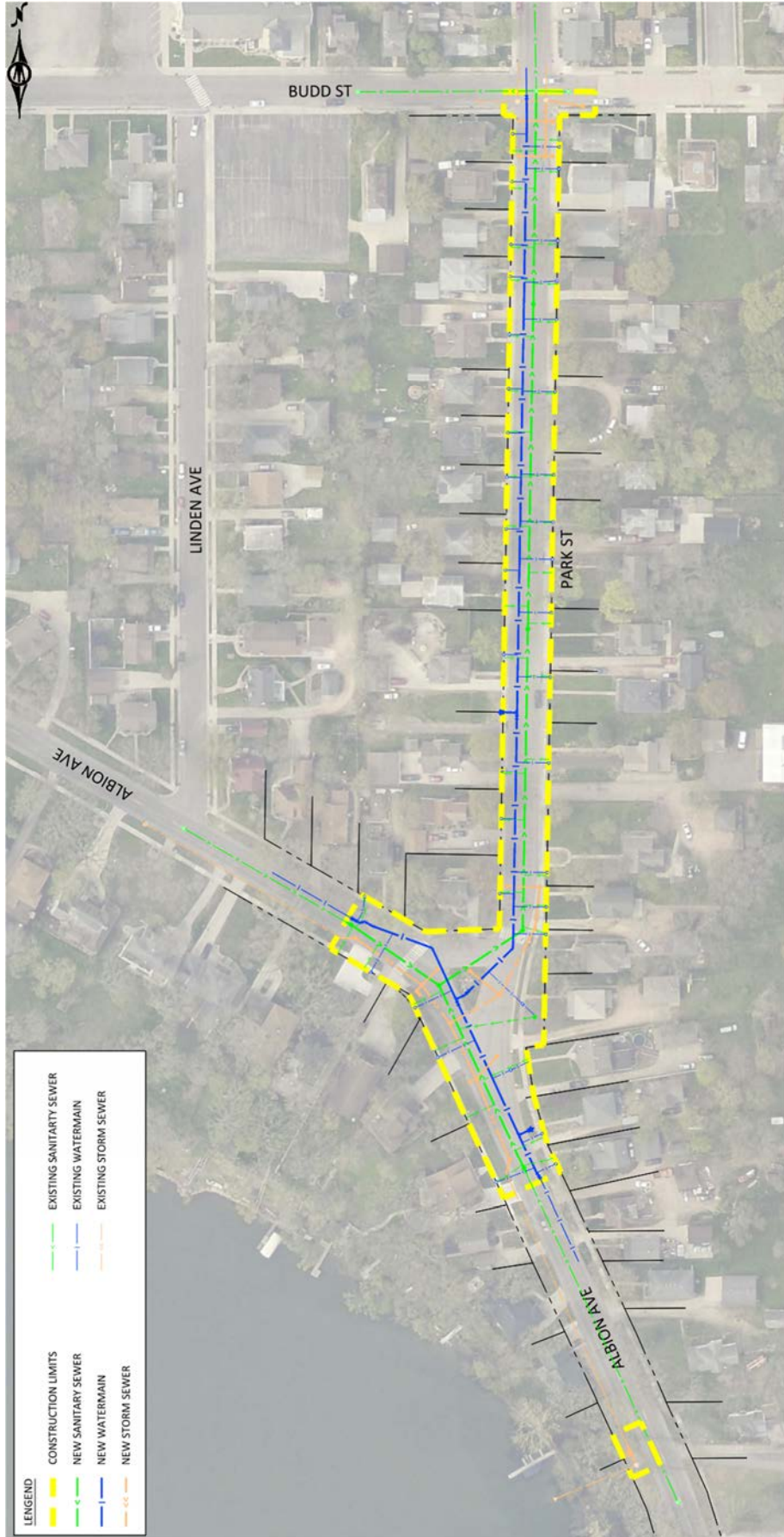
Mensing is currently scheduled to begin work on or after July 16. The fall completion date is November 1 with the final lift of pavement and sod to be completed in the spring of 2025.

The first step of construction will be temporary water service on Park Street throughout the project extents. 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 Park Street through Phase 1 of the project. Following this, storm sewer will be placed prior to preparing the street subgrade for the aggregate base and pavement sections. During this time access to driveways will be intermittent on this block. We kindly ask for your patience during this disruption and we will do our best to facilitate access for residents.

Phase 2 of the project will involve construction at the intersection of Park Street and Albion Avenue and require closure of Albion Avenue. This work will consist of the same improvements noted above. Phase 2 will cause less disruptions to local residents and most residents along Park Street will have gravel access to their properties during this phase.

Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be distributed periodically throughout the project. The city is also creating 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 Derek Behrens at the phone number or email address listed.





Road Closures

Phase 1



Phase 2





Alert

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.



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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 post office intends to continue to deliver mail during construction. However, large packages may not be delivered and may require the resident to pick them up at the local post office. Contact the contractor or CPR for mail delivery issues.



Access

Local Resident Access

Local traffic will be limited on Park Street from Budd Street to Albion Avenue during the utility improvements. During this time, we ask residents to have patience and park on adjacent side streets or on remaining paved surfaces as needed. We will also do our best to facilitate access for those that live in the neighborhood.

Following utility construction, temporary access will be allowed while work is completed on Phase 2. Paving will likely not occur immediately, but the contractor will maintain temporary access to driveways with gravel once the utility improvements are completed.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. Sod will be installed on all disturbed areas on the project. The sod 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".