

Downtown Riverfront Improvements – Phase 1

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Construction:

- Market Structure
- Pedestrian Improvements
- Storm & Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Parking Lot Rehabilitation
- Landscaping

Construction schedule:

Start: June 2021
Finish: December 2021

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Project Overview

As you may know, the City of Fergus Falls has been working to revitalize the downtown area since 2018. After years of work, we are excited to partner with the City in the Downtown Riverfront Improvements Project – Phase 1. The improvements of the project will take place in the parking lot on the north side of the Otter Tail River. In addition, the area of Court Street adjacent to the parking lot will also be reconstructed to extend sewer and water to the improvements. Throughout the course of the summer, the southernmost area of the parking lot will be converted into a multi-use gathering space and pedestrian facilities. More specifically, the space will include the following: a market structure, river overlook, small entertainment area, restroom, way finding kiosk and parking lot reconstruction.



Project Timeline

Competitive bids were received on April 20th, 2021 and the project was awarded to Comstock Construction, Inc. of Fergus Falls, MN on May 20th, 2021.

On Monday June 7th, work will begin in the project area. Tree removals, miscellaneous pavement removal, and excavation for the market structure will take place. Comstock will construct a fence surrounding the project area to ensure safety to the public. Concentration of the initial work will take place on the south side of the parking area. Curb & gutter and tree removals will take place on the north portion of the parking area to make room for private utility work. These removals will take place prior to businesses opening.

Private Utility Work

Private utility work will be happening on the north side of the parking lot area. Otter Tail Power and telecom companies will be rerouting utility lines and will do their best to minimize the area needed to complete their work.



Contacts

Grant Kuper will be on site throughout the summer and will serve as the primary contact during construction. Grant can be reached at 701-540-7444 or grant.kuper@bolton-menk.com. Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be posted to the City website throughout the summer. Hard copies will also be available at City Hall. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Grant Kuper at the phone number or email address listed.

Street & Storm Sewer Improvements Project Newsletter



Alert

Detour and Access

During construction, access through the construction zone will be limited depending on the construction activity taking place. Local traffic should obey road closed signs and find alternate routes around the active construction zone.

When possible, the contractor will provide temporary gravel for driveway access within the construction site. However, direct driveway access may be limited during the day when excavation and other construction activity is occurring adjacent to driveways. In addition, when concrete curb, walk, and driveways are being constructed, access to driveways will be restricted for extended periods.

Wet weather will also make access difficult for periods of time. Please monitor the weather throughout the summer and plan accordingly.

Please also be advised that if you choose to drive on the closed road,

there can sometimes be construction debris or other items that can damage vehicles. Driving through the construction site is at your own risk. If you are concerned about access during construction, or have questions, please contact Grant Kuper at 701-540-7444.

Garbage and Mail/Deliveries

Garbage and recycling collection will continue its regular schedule during construction. During times when the garbage truck is unable to access your receptacles, the contractor will label and move them to an accessible location for pickup and return them to you after collection.

Mail and delivery of goods will continue during the project. The contractor will ensure that deliveries will take place as normal.



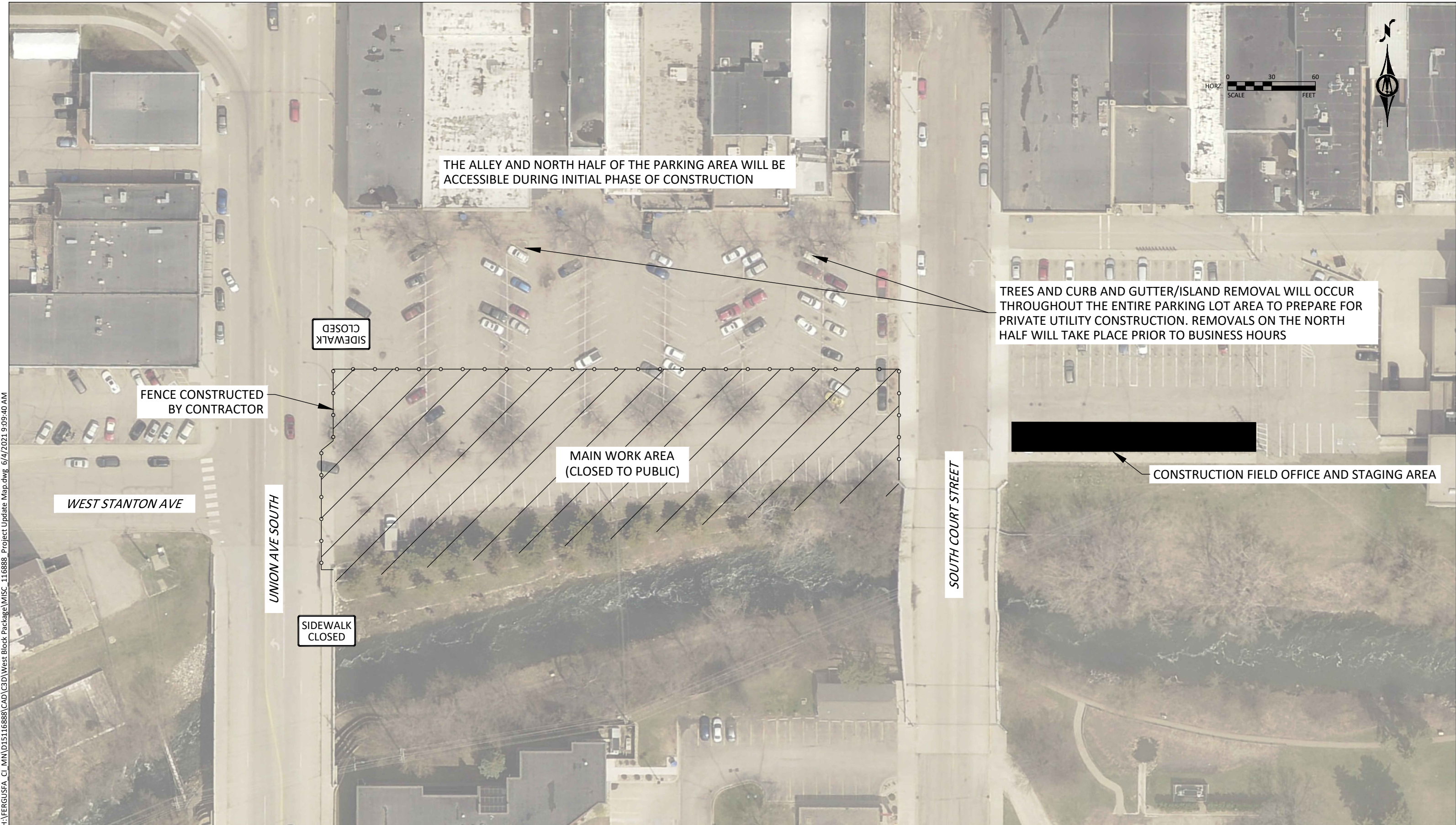
Construction Safety

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 Construction Representative immediately.

Please take time to check out the project website. www.bolton-menk.com/public-projects/

Thank you for your patience as we improve your community!



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