

2025 Street & Utility Improvements Construction Startup Newsletter – April 4, 2025

Construction schedule:

Start: April 2025
Finish: November 2025
Final Paving: Summer 2026



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Overview

The City of Le Sueur is undertaking the reconstruction of the 2025 Street & Utility Improvements (N. 4th St and Cathcart St). With this newsletter is an invitation to the Construction Open House on Thursday, April 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 203 S 2nd St. A specific phasing map with an approximate schedule is anticipated to be available at the Construction Open House. On the backside of the Open House invitation is a phasing map of the overall project areas of complete street and utility reconstruction.



Construction Process

Boulevard Tree Removals

Trees located within the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the City to maintain and clear when necessary. Sometime in April, the boulevard trees will be removed throughout the full project area (all stages). Later in the project, property owners will have the opportunity to have a new tree planted at a rate of one new tree for every tree removed. A list of City approved tree species will be provided at that time.

What to Expect – Street & Utility Improvements

A street & utility reconstruction project will begin with removal of the existing pavement and roadway closures. At about the same time, a temporary potable water system will be established to serve each property during utility construction. Sewer service will remain unaffected during construction.

Once the temporary water system is tested and operational, the existing sanitary sewer main, watermain, and storm sewer pipes will be removed and replaced in the roadway. Following installation of the mains, the contractor will remove and replace the sewer and water services to each property from the new main to the property line, which is typically located about 10-15 feet behind the curb. Utility construction typically lasts about 4 to 5 weeks after the pavement is removed.

Street reconstruction will follow utility work and begin by excavating and removing all material within the upper two feet of the existing roadbed to make space for the new gravel base and surface pavement. This process will be followed with installation of new curb and gutter, concrete driveway aprons, sidewalk and asphalt pavement. Three layers of asphalt will be installed in separate processes. Street reconstruction typically lasts about 4 weeks following utility construction. After the asphalt pavement is installed and driveways have been constructed, normal access will be available. All timelines are weather dependent.

Boulevard restoration, including installation of organically-rich topsoil, fertilizer, and hydroseed will occur following the first or second layer of street paving. The final layer of bituminous pavement will be installed in the summer of 2026.



Access

The construction process results in a great product at its completion but can test one's patience along its course. The City aims to reduce the burden by working with the City's contractor to minimize disruption, routine communication, and on-site assistance for residents.

When the street and utilities are under construction, the contractor will need all the space in the street possible. Therefore, parking will not be allowed on the project area streets during the working hours, which are anticipated to be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays as necessary. The contractor will try to restore driveway and street access at the end of each working day and over weekends. During street & utility reconstruction, access conditions are most challenging after rainfall. Heavy traffic over muddy streets makes conditions worse. Residents will be encouraged to drive on paved roadways whenever that alternative exists.



Sewer and Water Replacement Property Line to Home

As mentioned in the Construction Process section, the project will replace sewer and water services to the property line (about 10'-15' behind the curb). At this connection point, the existing sewer and water service pipes will remain. These existing lines will be inspected at the property line prior to reconnection. In past project areas, upon inspection the City has discovered lead water and/or crumbling sewer service pipes to some properties. State environmental and health codes state that such pipes need to be replaced if discovered and cannot be reconnected. If this is discovered at your property, the City will knock on your door to notify you verbally if you

are home when the work occurs.

Property owners will receive a letter with this information if it applies to your property and will have an option to use the City's contractor or a private plumber to replace the water or sewer service. Please contact Eric Hauser if you have a known lead water service or failing sewer service pipe to start coordination regarding the process of private service replacements.



Alert

Private Items in Right-of-Way

If you have items such as landscaping, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, dog fences, etc. within the right-of-way (within 15' of the curb), please notify Patrick Schroepfer prior to the start of construction. This information will help minimize the impacts to irrigation systems and dog fences during the construction process.

Garbage & Recycling

Residents should write their address on the lid of their garbage & recycling receptacles. Wheel your receptacles to their normal pick-up location **by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick-up**. The Contractor will move the receptacles to a location accessible by the sanitation company. After pick-up, the contractor will return the receptacles to your property.

Mail

Your mailbox will be temporarily relocated throughout the duration of construction to allow access for post office delivery vehicles. Residents will be notified of the whereabouts of this temporary location. Please contact Patrick Schroepfer with any questions.

Safety

The contractor will do everything they can to make the project area safe for residents. However, residents should be aware of their surroundings when walking or driving near construction equipment. The City asks that residents keep their distance from construction equipment and utility trenches. There are also materials that can cause harm if caution is not used such as hot asphalt pavement immediately after being placed.

Please keep children and pets away from construction activity and open trenches as they might not be aware of the dangers. If you see anything that you feel is unsafe, please do not hesitate to call Patrick Schroepfer.



Updates

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact **Patrick Schroepfer** using the information listed. Weekly updates will be posted on the project website and sent out to those who sign up for project updates. See here for the project website to sign up for updates:

<https://clients.bolton-menk.com/lesueur2025improvements/>

Additionally, door hangars will be delivered throughout the project providing construction specific updates like the start up of a new phase, water shutdowns, concrete construction, and bituminous pavement installation to name a few examples.



Special Assessments

To review the draft special benefit appraisal report for the 2025 Street and Utility Improvement Project, you may view a printed copy at City Hall or go to the project website listed above. The assessment hearing is planned for September of 2025.

2025 Street & Utility Improvements Project Construction Open House
Thursday, April 17th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, Le Sueur City Hall, 203 S 2nd St, Le Sueur

You are invited to attend the upcoming 2025 (N 4th St and Cathcart St) Street & Utility Improvements Project on Thursday, April 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This open house is open to the public but designed specifically for those residents and properties located along the project corridor.

The meeting will be an open-house forum that includes a formal presentation beginning at 5:45 pm with questions to follow. At this meeting the project team will go through the project design, talk through what to expect during construction, discuss the project schedule, and help answer any questions relating to assessments.

A phasing map of the project areas and phases of construction can be found on the backside of this invitation. A map including schedule information is anticipated to be available at the Open House.

You can find more information about the project and sign up for project updates at the project website at: <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/lesueur2025improvements/>

Contact Cory Bienfang, City Engineer, at (507) 995-2936 or Cory.Bienfang@bolton-menk.com with any questions.

We look forward to meeting with you!

Enclosures to this notice:

1. Project Phasing Map
2. Project Construction Newsletter



