

CSAH 56 AND CSAH 38 IMPROVEMENTS

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Project Scope:

- Sanitary sewer improvements
- Water distribution improvements
- Storm sewer improvements
- Street and curb construction
- Driveway and turf restoration
- Private utility relocation

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Overview

The City of Long Prairie is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities. The project includes replacing the sanitary sewer mains and services, replacing the water mains and services, replacing the storm sewer system, and reconstructing the streets. A map of the project area is shown on the following page. The project area includes the following streets:

CSAH 38 AREA

- 1st Avenue SW, from Lake Street to 1st Street SW
- 2nd Avenue SW, from Lake Street to city limits
- 3rd Avenue SW, from Lake Street to 6th Street SW
- 1st Street SW, from 3rd Avenue SW to 1st Avenue SW
- 2nd Street SW, from 3rd Avenue SW to 1st Avenue SW
- 3rd Street SW, from 4th Avenue SW to 2nd Avenue SW
- 4th Street SW, from 3rd Avenue SW to alley north of 2nd Avenue SW
- 5th Street SW, from 4th Avenue SW to 2nd Avenue SW
- 6th Street SW, from 4th Avenue SW to 2nd Avenue SW

CSAH 56 AREA

- Riverside Drive from Lake Street N to Highway 71

Project Schedule

The CSAH 38 area improvements are underway. Construction in the CSAH 56 area is scheduled for 2023.

Progress and Upcoming Schedule – CSAH 38 Project area

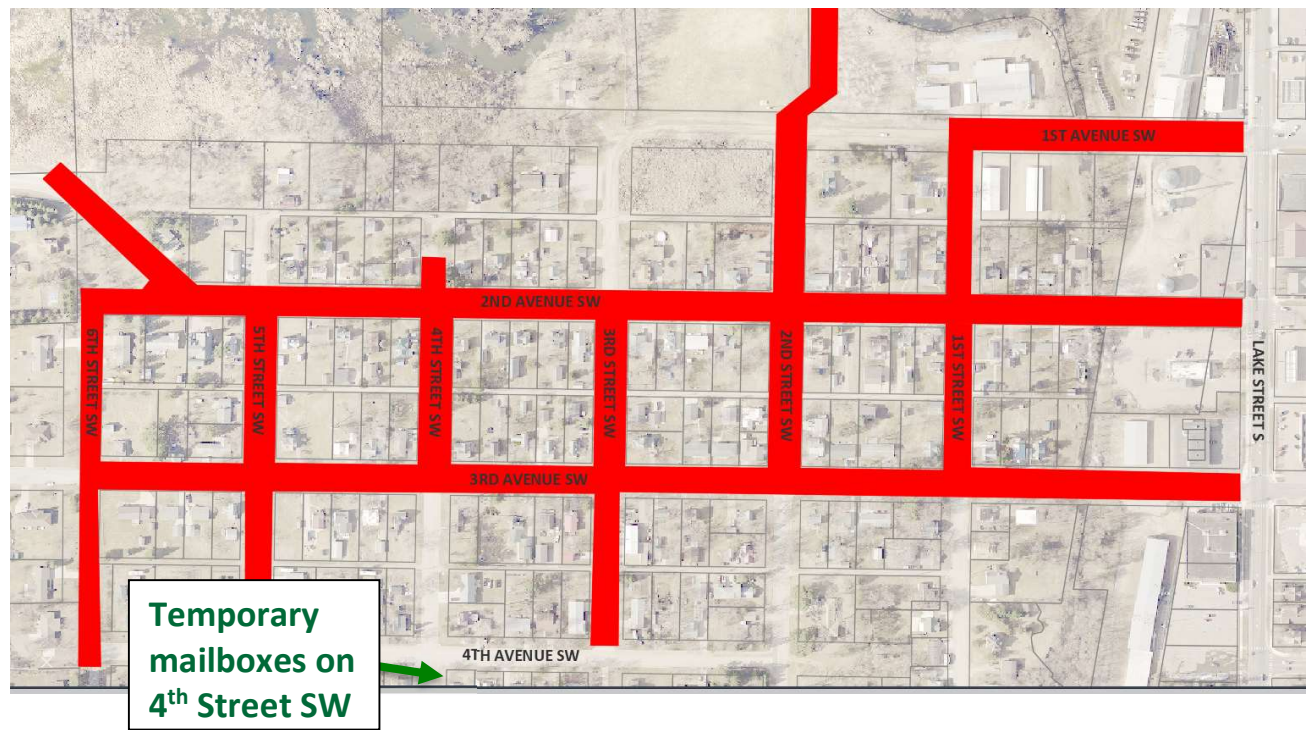
- Underground utility replacement and concrete curb construction is completed.
- Asphalt paving scheduled to begin October 17th and continue through the 19th.
- Concrete walk and driveway construction scheduled for later in the week of October 17th.
- Boulevard grading and topsoil placement planned for late October.

CSAH 56 Project area

- Install the lift station, valve vault and a portion of the new sanitary sewer east of Riverside Drive

Updates

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to project updates via email or text by visiting www.longprairieconstruction.com. This website also has maps, schedules, informational videos, and links to these newsletters. If you have questions or concerns at any time, feel free to contact any of the people listed to the left. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this improvement project.





Wells, Sand Points and Temporary Water System

The dewatering system temporarily lowered the water table, which could have caused wells and sand points to become temporarily inoperable. The dewatering system has been removed and most of the temporary water system has been removed. The water table will return to normal over time. If you are having issues with your well or sand point that have not been addressed, **call Curt at C&L Excavating: 320-493-0173.**



Sewer and Water Utility Bills

The sewer and water bills for all properties that are connected to temporary water will be based on average past use. Properties that were being billed for sewer only will continue to be billed for sewer only. As properties are removed from the temp water system, sewer and water billing will revert to normal.



Alert

De-Icing Chemicals and New Concrete

New concrete surfaces will be sensitive to salt and other de-icing products this winter. **Excessive application of these products can damage the concrete. Please avoid the use of salt, rock salt, sodium chloride, ammoniums, potassium and chloride. If concrete is damaged due to chemical use, there is no guarantee it will be replaced.**

The Contractor recommends the following methods to prevent damage to the new concrete:

- As much as possible, use a snow shovel and sand.
- 100% Green Method. Use a mixture of sand and alfalfa meal (available at farm and nursery stores). This provides traction and the alfalfa meal contains nitrogen which will melt ice.

Mailbox Reinstallation

After the street construction and boulevard grading is completed, the contractor will reinstall your mailbox at its original location. If your mailbox mounting post is too damaged to be re-used, the mailbox might be mounted on a swing-away post. This will help prevent damage to the mailbox from snow plowing.

Private Utilities

Some power poles, gas mains and communication lines will be relocated during the project. This work is necessary to accommodate the proposed improvements. We understand that this work can be disruptive and ask that you please be patient as the various contractors work to complete their individual portion of the improvements. Some of this work is already underway.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, underground dog fences, 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 sprinkler heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.



Access

While certain construction operations are underway, you will not be able to access your driveway with your vehicle. You will be notified in advance when this will occur. When you are notified, please remove your vehicle from your driveway and park it on a nearby street outside of the construction zone. Access to your property will be restored as soon as possible.

In the interest of safety, streets in the reconstruction areas will be closed to non-local traffic during construction. Residents who have access to their home from side streets or alleys should use alternate routes. There is very little work planned to occur in the alleys. **We recommend using the alleys as much as possible while this project is underway.**



General

The order of work on a street will typically be:

1. Temporary water service will be connected to your house, typically at an outside faucet. In some cases, the contractor may need access to your house.
2. The paved street surface will be removed. Some material may be left in place as a temporary driving surface.
3. The new sanitary sewer mains and water mains will be installed
4. New sewer and water services will be installed
5. Storm sewer will be installed
6. The road will be excavated and reconstructed to a gravel surface
7. Concrete curbs and driveways will be constructed
8. The bottom layer of bituminous pavement will be constructed (the top layer will be constructed next year)
9. Topsoil and seeding

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 RPR immediately.

Driveways

Avoid excessive turning movements and parking heavy vehicles or trailers on new asphalt driveways for up to a week to ensure a satisfactory non-scuff surface. New concrete driveways are sprayed with a white curing compound. This keeps the moisture content high in the concrete to provide for better curing and strength. Do not seal a new concrete driveway for at least 3 months.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. A method called "hydro-seeding" will be used. The newly seeded areas will be maintained by the contractor until the turf is established. 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".

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a "punch list" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even occur in the following spring prior to paving the final lift of asphalt. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the RPR for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.