

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. 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

Construction continues. The anticipated schedules for each project area are:

CSAH 56 / Riverside Drive Project area

- The underground utility replacement is completed.
- Grading and construction of the gravel base for the new road on the south end of Riverside Drive is underway.
- Concrete curb and gutter will be installed from Fairview Avenue to the north end of Riverside Drive. This is planned for August 23rd and 24th. Concrete driveway aprons behind the new curb are planned to be constructed after that.
- Bituminous paving is planned to occur the week of September 4th.
- Grading, topsoiling and seeding would occur after that.

- **The Fairview Avenue intersection is planned to be closed for paving operations on September 6th. This date may change due to weather or other unforeseen delays.**



Project Schedule - Continued

CSAH 38 Project area

- The majority of work in this project area is completed.
- Re-seeding will occur where necessary this fall. In the meanwhile, please mow the seeded areas, with your mower deck at its highest setting, to keep weeds from becoming established.
- **In areas where the new grass is growing well, please continue to water.** The City of Long Prairie encourages all residents to have clean and well-maintained yard. This includes watering and upkeep of grass. This is especially important in the areas affected by this project. The seeding in last year's project area has been completed and grass is starting to grow. When it's dry, the City of Long Prairie highly encourages all residents to water their yards during this time. The city pro-rates your sewer bill to allow for additional water to be used during the summer to maintain your yard; the sewer rate in the summer is an average of winter months. The city averages the sewer rate in June, July, August and September since it's assumed that not all the water is going down the drain.
- Planting trees is completed. If you had a tree planted, you can help it get established properly by watering it. The contractor will also be watering the trees occasionally.
- The asphalt pavement that was placed on the road last year is showing issues in some areas. Testing has been underway this year to determine the extent of the issues and the corrective action needed. The top layer of pavement will be constructed after the testing and corrective actions are completed.
- 1st Avenue SW in front of the lumberyard is planned to be raised up and rebuilt. This is planned to occur in mid-September.

Commerce Road

- Culvert replacement and the first layer of pavement are completed.
- Ditch grading and the top layer of pavement construction are planned for September, followed by topsoiling and seeding.

1st Avenue S

- The pavement has been ground up and will remain in place as a temporary driving surface until paving occurs. Work in this area is planned to resume mid-September.

Alley between 1st Avenue S and 2nd Avenue S

- The alley between 1st Ave S and 2nd Ave S, half a block east of Highway 71, is planned to be improved by replacing the storm sewer and reconstructing the alley pavement. This is planned to occur mid-September.



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.



Alert

Private Work – Concrete and Asphalt

If you are interested in having additional concrete work or asphalt paving work completed on your private property, outside of the project limits, please coordinate this work and arrange payment directly with the contractor.

- For concrete, contact Ryan at Weststar Concrete, 320-980-0539.
- For asphalt paving, contact Craig at Ferguson Brothers, 320-304-9054.

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 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.



Construction

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.