

# Gorton Avenue NW Improvements Project Newsletter

May 2, 2023

## Construction schedule:

Start: May 3, 2023  
Finish: October 13, 2023

**City of Willmar**  
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## Contractor:

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## Overview

The City of Willmar is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities on Gorton Avenue NW, 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW, and 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW. The project includes road and path construction, sanitary sewer improvements, water system improvements, and storm sewer improvements.

## Project Timeline

The following is a tentative schedule for the construction in each project area:

- Private Utility Relocation: Centerpoint Energy is currently replacing the gas mains and services along the project area. The remaining private utility companies will be relocating their infrastructure as necessary in the near future.
- Removals: reclaiming street pavement, removing concrete curb & gutter, and removing driveway surfaces will start on May 11<sup>th</sup> and continue through the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>. The reclaimed pavement will be left in place and compacted to serve as a temporary driving surface. Driveways will be ramped and made accessible at the end of every workday.
- A temporary water system will be installed for portions of the project beginning this week. Temporary water lines and service lines can become detached and should not be moved by residents if possible. The Contractor may need brief access to the water shut off valve inside your house to complete the switch to temporary water.
- Temporary mailboxes will be provided for residents within the project area. Mail will be delivered to the temporary mailboxes for the duration of the project. The locations of the temporary mailboxes will be determined at a later date.
- Garbage and Recycling: Residents are asked to label their garbage and recycling bins by writing their house number on a piece of tape and attaching it to their bins. Place the bins near the street on pick up days and the contractor will move them as needed for pick up.
- The construction of sanitary sewer mains and water mains is planned to begin the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the interest of safety, the streets will be closed to non-local traffic during construction. As construction continues there will be periods of time where access to your driveway will be limited. At the end of the day, the street will be restored and graded so that residents can access their driveway. If construction is delayed due to inclement weather, assume it will proceed the following day.

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## Questions

### **Sprinkler Systems/Dog Fences**

We request sprinkler systems and dog fences be marked by the property owners so the contractor can avoid them when possible during construction.

## Alert

### **Disruptions to Water Service**

Water service will generally be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions may occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. This may result in a decrease in water pressure.

## 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.

## Contacts

Moving forward, all project updates will be provided electronically on the City of Willmar's Construction Project Website, [www.WillmarConstruction.com](http://www.WillmarConstruction.com). Please sign up for email and text message updates on the project website. We encourage you to watch the "What to Expect During Construction" video located on the project website for more information on what to expect during the construction process. If special access accommodations to homes is needed or if you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact any of the people listed on the left side of the front of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this improvement project.



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