



Cleveland Avenue W Street & Utility Improvements Construction Newsletter February 26, 2024

Construction:

- **Bituminous Streets** •
- Sanitary Sewer
- Storm Sewer
- Watermain
- Water & Sewer Services
- Sidewalks

Construction schedule:

Tree Removals: Early March 2024 Tentative Start: April 1, 2024 Finish: July 1, 2025

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A website is available to provide updates and information about the street project in Winnebago this summer. It will allow you to sign up for email or text notifications with project updates. Newsletters and email updates throughout the project will also be provided through this website. It is a great resource for residents to get information on what to expect during construction!

www.2024clevelandavewimprovements.com

Overview

The City of Winnebago is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along Cleveland Avenue West (from 8th Street NW to Main Street), and the various side streets between 1st Avenue NW and 1st Avenue SW. The project includes replacement of sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer along with new bituminous street construction. Newsletters like this one will be sent to the property owners during certain milestones of the project to help keep residents informed. In addition to this, small updates will be provided weekly on the website to keep you informed. It is important to note that information and scheduling may change due to weather and unforeseen issues. We will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Bolton & Menk is the City's engineer for the project. They will act as an extension of city staff in monitoring construction work and interacting with the contractor daily. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact the Bolton & Menk representative listed on the left side.

26 **Project Timeline**

Ulland Brothers have indicated their underground crew will be onsite April 1, weather permitting. Ulland Brothers plans to begin marking trees with pink paint for removals starting in early March, so they are out of the way for the underground work to start.

Ulland plans to complete the project generally from west to east, starting with the sanitary sewer on 6th Street NW, then Cleveland Ave from 6th Street to 8th Street, then work east of 6th Street. Watermain, storm sewer and grading will follow close behind. Each phase of underground will take several weeks to complete. We will provide schedule updates on the website as they move through the project area.

In preparation for the street construction project, CenterPoint Energy will continue gas relocations along Cleveland Avenue. Benco Electric along with Mediacom will be relocating utility poles throughout the project area. While this work is necessary for the proposed utility and street construction, it is not under the direction or supervision of the City. Residents should receive information directly from the private utility companies regarding any service disruptions caused by this work.



Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will most likely be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided with 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. The Contractor will be contacting you about connecting the temporary water to a working hose bib on the exterior of your home.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, shrubs, bushes, flowers, irrigation systems, underground dog fence, etc. in the rightof-way, these will likely be impacted by construction. We have provisions in the plans for the contractor to salvage and replace items that are not easily moved by the property owners. We do ask if you are able to remove or relocate these items outside of the construction zone to please do so before construction begins. The contractors will do their best to avoid damage working around them. Any underground irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc. should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

Service Line Connections

The city plans to televise each existing sanitary sewer service affected by this project from the street back to your home. At that time the city will determine if you have an illicit connection that allows ground water to infiltrate into the wastewater collection system. If an illicit connection is found, you will be notified and provided with a cost estimate to replace your sewer service as part of the project. That cost may be added to your assessment and paid back over time.

Water services will also be replaced as part of this project. If a lead water pipe is found serving your property, it will be replaced, in its entirety, as part of this project.

Garbage, Recycling & Mail

During the project, continue to place your garbage and recycling bins where you normally place them for each scheduled pick-up. We ask that you please have your garbage or recycling bins at the end of your driveway by 7:00 a.m., the day it is supposed to be picked up. This will help the contractor know that garbage and recycling bins need to be moved to side streets. The contractor will contact and coordinate with the pick-up company. Please write or display your house number prominently on your bins so that it can be returned to you.

The contractor will contact and coordinate with the postal service on how mail will be delivered during the project. Those of you without curb side mailboxes should remain unaffected. Temporary mailboxes will be installed where needed and those affected will be notified.

Access

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park in the alley, at a neighbor's house or on a side street, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Access will be limited during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience. We will communicate access restrictions on a regular basis throughout the project. You may contact Matt Cole to discuss your needs and concerns.

Work Area

It is quite 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 Matt Cole, the City Engineer, immediately.