

East Main Avenue – Street and Utility Reconstruction

Construction Notice ➡ July 1, 2024

Reconstruction Project Property Owners/Residents:

East Main Avenue: The City of Frazee and Becker County have been working on developing a street and utility reconstruction project impacting East Main Avenue, from the Ottertail River Bridge northerly to Highway 87. The proposed improvements include reconstruction of the existing street with parking only on the southerly side and a new 6' sidewalk on the northerly side from the bridge up to Rivercrest Drive. City watermain and sanitary sewer piping networks will also be replaced along the corridor of East Main along with storm sewer utilities.

Rivercrest Drive and 8th Street SE: The City of Frazee will be reconstructing the segments of pavement in these two street areas during the project.

Downtown Alley (behind the Fire Hall): The City of Frazee will be constructing stormwater utilities and new pavements in the one block of alleyway. Construction to begin around the beginning of August.

The construction contract has been awarded to RL Larson Excavating of St. Cloud, MN.

Obviously, the extensive scope of improvements is going to result in a great amount of construction activity in a relatively short period of time from July to September. This project has several challenges that make maintaining access more challenging than most projects. We have gone to great lengths to try and plan and coordinate a construction phasing plan to mitigate as many of the concerns as possible. However, we want to manage expectations and ask you to be understanding as we begin to navigate the construction process. This notice is intended to provide some initial information about the upcoming construction

EAST MAIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Construction will begin in full force on **July 8th**. The contractor will generally work +/-12-hour days (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) Monday thru Friday. They may occasionally work Saturdays to maintain the project schedule or to make up for weather delays. Initial preparatory work will take a week or two and will include:

- o Set-up of road closures, traffic control, and establishment of a detour route.
- o Existing mailboxes will be removed and relocated to a temporary bank of mailboxes, to be located near the intersection of 6th Street. This will facilitate mail delivery during the project.
- o The contractor will begin demolition and removals of the street pavement and trees.

Local property owners will be provided access through the construction zone via temporary narrow access routes.

RL Larson will begin installation of the underground utilities during the week of July 8th.

- o During this time, trenching may limit access to your property during active working hours.
- o Underground utility line construction is expected to be completed by mid August.

— Impacts to Access and Services

Water Service Interruptions|

There will be some periods of water service interruptions. This is to facilitate the connection of a new water transmission main to the existing watermain. Generally, these will be short, and you will be notified in advance. Unplanned interruptions are rare, but can happen. Crews will work to restore water service as quickly as possible. Please contact project staff if you unexpectedly do not have water for more than 30 minutes.

Vehicle Access|

East Main Avenue will be closed to thru traffic. Driveway access will be provided to the extent possible throughout the entire project, but it can be challenging at times. During active construction and working hours, vehicle access to specific properties may be limited at times. The intent will be to backfill and grade all areas smooth each evening to provide temporary vehicle access to all properties.

As underground piping work progress thru the corridor, the contractor will route traffic as necessary to avoid trenching areas. Please acknowledge road closed barricades and use daily routes as signed.

Garbage Collection|

Please place curbside receptacles along the street edge in your lawn on Thursday evenings or by 6 AM on Fridays. Using a piece of duct tape, mark your house number on your bin so it can be returned to the correct address. We will work with haulers to ensure it is collected without interruption.

Mail Service|

The post office requires that that we establish a temporary mailbox bank during construction to facilitate mail delivery. This bank will be located near the intersection of 6th Street but may shift to a different location as the project work advances.

Dust Control |

The contractor will routinely apply water to driving surfaces to try and mitigate dust to the extent feasible. However, this can be futile during hot, dry, and/or windy conditions.

— Contact Us:

- If you have special needs for access.
- If you have ANY other questions or other items you think may be of importance to the project.

— General Items and Reminders:

- Keep in mind that construction plans, timelines, and schedules frequently change due to a variety of factors including weather, coordination with subcontractors, utility relocation activity, and other unforeseeable circumstances. We will do our best to keep you informed of schedules and other activities that impact you as a property owner. However, there are situations when this is not practical and work plans must change abruptly. We may need to deviate from communicated plans with little or no notice. Please understand that there are many moving parts to this project and a finite plan is not always possible.
- Please obey all traffic/warning signs, detours, safety fences, etc. They are there for your protection and the protection of construction staff.
- Do not let children play near construction activity or equipment. Watch from a safe distance.
- Do not disturb any construction stakes or utility locate flags. They are there to help us construct the improvements properly and to avoid accidental damage to utilities (such as electrical, phone, cable, and internet). We will remove the stakes and flags once they are no longer needed.
- Do not drive or walk on freshly placed concrete until notified to do so.
- The new turf will require your assistance to ensure proper long-term growth. Following the work, the disturbed areas will be seeded. The Contractor will assist in watering initially, but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the property owner. Your assistance with re-establishing turf is greatly appreciated.

➔ **Communication and Updates:**

- RL Larson Excavating, along with the Ulteig Engineers, will have representatives onsite at all times. These representatives will do their best to keep you informed and updated on the construction. They will also be coordinating any interruption in water service or vehicle access.
- Contact any of the project staff (listed at the bottom of this notice) with ANY questions, concerns, or needs.
- We will be sending out emailed newsletters and progress updates generally every two or three weeks (or as needed) in effort to keep everyone informed of progress, schedule, changes, access restrictions, etc. If you would like to receive these e-mail updates please send an email to chris.thorson@ulteig.com and request to be added to the progress update list. Please include your name and property address in the request.
- The public is invited to attend the weekly construction meetings at 10 AM every Tuesday in the Fire Hall.

➔ **Our Thanks:**

We know construction can create inconvenience, frustration, and headaches.

Understand that we need to balance minimizing inconvenience with the need to move construction ahead as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this project. We will do what we can to try make the project as smooth as possible. Please feel free to contact me or other project staff (contact information below) with any questions.

Project Staff – Contact Information

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**Lane is onsite and is most often able to respond the fastest to questions