

2020 Street & Utility Improvements

Pre-Construction Newsletter

May 14, 2020

Construction

- Forest Street
- Blaha and Grove Street Ravines

Scheduled Start

June 1, 2020

Substantial Completion:
September 15, 2020

Final Paving Completion:
June 11, 2021

City of Belle Plaine

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Overview

The City of Belle Plaine is undertaking a construction project to improve city streets and underground utilities in your area. The project includes the replacement of sanitary sewer, water system improvements, storm sewer modifications, new concrete walk and new street construction.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the project were received on February 25, 2020 and the construction contract was awarded to BCM Construction, Inc. on April 6th.

BCM is currently in Belle Plaine working on a commercial subdivision just north and east of the Hwy 169/25 interchange. Once they complete a significant portion of the underground utilities on that project, they plan to mobilize and begin work on Forest Street the first week in June.

Questions

Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy, Frontier Communications, Xcel Energy and Mediacom may also be working in the area to relocate or replace their infrastructure. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City but is necessary to complete during or ahead of street reconstruction. We understand that this work can result in additional disruption as well, and ask that you please be patient as the various contractors complete their individual portion of the improvements.

Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed as close as possible to your property line as part of the city project. Property owners will be responsible for hiring a contractor to make any necessary or desired sewer and water service replacements/repairs between the property line and the home/business.

Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, will be distributed to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the Construction Representative at the phone number or email address listed.



Alert

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence may 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.

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 heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.



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Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work being performed. 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.

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 be in the following spring prior to the final lift of asphalt is placed. 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.

Delays

Construction scheduling can and will change on short notice. Weather delays or complications, delays by subcontractors or by private utilities providing phone, gas, electric and cable, can

sometimes cause unforeseen delays to change a schedule. Please reference the City's website for updates.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. A method called "hydro-seeding" will be used. The seed will be maintained by the contractor until acceptance. "Maintain" as defined in the contract includes, weed control and watering.

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".

Driveways

Avoid the use of new asphalt driveways for up to a week to ensure a satisfactory non-scuff surface. If you must use it, do so on the coolest part of the day and with minimum turning movements. Parking on a new asphalt driveway will tend to develop depressions and/or marks in the pavement, especially if the temperature is above 60 degrees.

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.