

West Downtown: Street and Utility Improvements

Construction Notice No. 3 → July 25, 2024

West Downtown Business/Property Owners:

It has been close to a month since the last newsletter, so we felt it was an appropriate time to provide some updated information concerning the progress of the project. As a reminder the project includes:



- **Fraze Street** from Washington Ave to Oak Grove Ave
- **Holmes Street** from Washington Ave to Lake Ave
- **Front Street** from Washington Ave to Summit Ave
- **Lake Ave** from Front Street to Highway 10, which includes the alley west of Lake Ave.

The following information provides a summary of work completed, upcoming work and schedule, and general construction information.

Fraze Street

Summary of Construction Activity

Completed Work

- Hough Inc. has closed the road between Oak Grove Ave to Lake Ave.
- They have completed all underground utility work from Oak Grove Ave to Minnesota Avenue.

Upcoming Work - (July 26 – August 3, 2024)

- Temporary water supply will be installed to homes between Minnesota Ave and Lake Ave. If your property is in this area, please see the "Temporary Water System" section later in this newsletter for more information.
- Underground utility construction east of Minnesota Avenue will continue into next week.
- Street grading will begin from Oak Grove Ave to Minnesota Ave and concrete curb installation will begin the following week (August 5th).
- **The contractor will also be closing Fraze Street from Lake Ave to Washington Ave on Monday, July 29.**
 - Road closed signs will be posted throughout – please contact project staff if you have specific access questions.
- Removal of pavement, curb, and portions of sidewalks will begin shortly after closure.

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Holmes Street

Summary of Construction Activity

Completed Work

- The majority of this work has been completed and the street has been opened to traffic.

Upcoming Work

- Within the next few days, the topsoil and seeding Installation will be completed behind the sidewalks.
- In the coming weeks, the remainder of the concrete, as well as tree grates & irrigation will be installed.
- One final lift of pavement will be installed within the coming weeks.

Front Street

Summary of **UPCOMING** Construction Activity

- Lake Avenue to Washington Avenue is scheduled to begin around the third week of August.
- Summit Avenue to Lake Avenue is scheduled to begin around the beginning to Mid-September.
- Further information will be made available as we approach work in these areas.

Lake Avenue

Summary of **UPCOMING** Construction Activity

- Lake Ave from Front Street to Highway 10 is scheduled to begin around the beginning to Mid-September.
- Further information will be made available as we approach work in these areas.

► Impacts to Access and Services

Temporary Water System | A temporary water system will be utilized during the watermain replacement in various stages of the project, although not all properties will be affected. A project representative will contact you in order to connect to your outside hose bib to provide your property with water. You may notice lower flow and pressure from your water fixtures during its use. Water can occasionally become cloudy or discolored due to work on the water system. If this happens please run your water until it clears or contact project staff if the situation persists.

Water Service Interruptions | There will be some periods of water service interruptions. Generally, these will be short, and you will be notified in advance. Occasionally there may be unplanned interruptions. 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.

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Access | Temporary Street and 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. The intent will be to backfill and grade all areas smooth each evening to provide temporary vehicle access to all properties.

Garbage Collection | Continue with your normal process for garbage collection. We will work with haulers to ensure it is collected without interruption.

Mail Service | We don't anticipate the need for temporary mailboxes, your mail will be delivered as usual.

Dust Control | The contractor will routinely apply water to subgrade to try and mitigate dust. However, this can be futile during hot and dry conditions.

➔ Contact Us:

- ➔ If you have a lawn irrigation system, please notify us and locate the system to avoid damage.
- ➔ Special needs for access.
- ➔ If you have ANY other questions or other items you think may be of importance to the project.

➔ General Comments and Reminders

- ➔ Keep in mind that construction timelines and schedules frequently change due to a variety of factors including weather. We will try and update residents accordingly if that should happen.
- ➔ 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

- ➔ Hough Inc., along with the City Engineer's office, 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 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 jpratt@cityofdetroitlakes.com and request to be added to the progress update list. Please include your name and property address in the request.

➔ Our Thanks

We know construction can create some inconvenience and 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.

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** These staff are onsite full-time and are often able to respond the fastest to questions

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