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Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #6 June 19, 2015

Unfortunately, the weather was rather uncooperative earlier this week which has caused a few delays, and has forced the contractor to reschedule a few of the work items.

Week of June 22nd:

- There is no work planned for Saturday, June 20th.
- The Contractor will complete the underground work on Pershing this week. Core out for Pershing has now been rescheduled to begin on Monday, June 29th. Again, the process of building the new road involves removing what is left of the existing pavement structure (i.e., the existing pavement and stone), and placing the new stone base in preparation for the curb and gutter improvements (this process is called "core out"). During the process, we will also test the existing materials under the new stone base (called a "subgrade") to make sure they are capable of supporting vehicle loads before the new stone is placed. The core out process temporarily lowers the grade of the street, and as a result the driveway approaches will be **MUCH** steeper until the new curb and gutter is poured. If the subgrade materials are found to be weak, those materials will be removed and replaced with new stone. There will undoubtedly be areas where we will encounter weak soils, so it is very hard for the Contractor to accurately predict when you will lose access to your driveway. The Contractor will provide a notice the day before they think they will be working in front of your house. However, if the subgrade materials are weak they may not make it to your driveway, so please keep an eye on progress as the Contractor is working. We expect that you will lose access to your driveway for approximately four (4) hours during the process; however, access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day.
- On Wednesday, water main work will occur along Marquette. It is necessary to take the water mains out of service to complete the work, and the North Park Public Water District will notice the affected residents 24 hours in advance of the main being taken out of service. We expect that main will be out of service for approximately 8 hours.
- The Contractor will continue to install the inlets, storm sewer laterals, water service insulation along Marquette. Again, we do not expect a loss of water service as a result of the insulation work. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area. Core out operations for Marquette have been postponed for now. (over)

- On Tuesday, fire hydrant work will occur at the intersection of Erma/Liberty. It is necessary to take the water main out of service to complete the work, and the North Park Public Water District will notice the affected residents 24 hours in advance of the main being taken out of service. We expect that the main will be out of service for 4-6 hours. There will be limited access around the construction areas.
- The Contractor will continue to install the inlets, storm sewer laterals, water service insulation along Liberty. Again, we do not expect a loss of water service as a result of the insulation work. The construction will continue to occupy the entire roadway, and you will not be able to drive around the construction area.
- The curb and gutter pour for the south side of Gilbert and east side of Leland has been **rescheduled to Monday, June 22nd**. (In the event of rain, the pour will take place on Tuesday.) We ask that you please have your vehicle out of your driveway by 7:00 A.M the day of the pour. As we mentioned at the construction meeting, curb and gutter will be constructed on one side of the road at a time in order to facilitate parking during the construction process. Most of the curb and gutter for this project will be constructed via a machine that is guided by a "string line". Before the actual construction of the curb and gutter, the contractor will drive specialized stakes and set the string line that is used to guide the machine; and therefore you may lose access to your driveway for short periods of time while the contractor is initially positioning the string line. It typically takes 2-4 days for the concrete to cure to a sufficient strength to support traffic, so you will not have vehicular access to your driveways during that time. You will need to park on the opposite side of the road if you need access to your vehicle while the curb is curing. Parking and working space will be tight during the curb and gutter construction, and you might want to check to see if your neighbors on the opposite side of the street will allow you to park in their driveways. You will have the chance to return the favor when the curb construction shifts to the opposite side of the street. As a reminder, the Contractor will backfill a small portion (3-4 feet wide) of the new curb the day after is poured to make it easier to walk over. They will backfill the remainder of the curb once it has cured to sufficient strength to support traffic.
- The Contractor will continue core out operations on Wilshire. Work will continue to progress east towards IL 251. Mid to late week, the Contractor will begin the process of constructing the new curb and gutter on Wilshire. We will issue an update to the affected residents before any curbing is poured, however, the Contractor will begin to drive the specialized stakes and set string line.
- NICOR crews will continue to be on site to continue to construct new services. NICOR advises that they have retained a contractor who is responsible for connecting your meter to the new service line. The contractor will coordinate with you as your meter is switched to the new service line. NICOR requires its contractors to wear identification badges, and we urge you to ask the contractor for the identification before allowing them into your home.
- ComEd crews will be on site to continue pole relocation along Erma. This work should be complete early in the week.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Kroeplin, Nick Arps or Chris Dopkins of McMahon at 636-9590, or Brooke Anderson of N-Trak Group at (815) 282-3000 with any questions.