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Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #7 June 25, 2015

On Friday, June 25th, curb and gutter is scheduled to be poured on the **north side of Gilbert Terrace** between IL 251 and Victory. We ask that you please have your vehicle out of your driveway by 7:00 A.M the day of the pour. 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 it 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.

Also on Friday, June 25th, the Contractor is going to relocate the temporary mailbox banks on the north side of Wilson to the south side of Wilson now that core out has occurred along Erma north of Wilson.

Week of June 29th:

- Core out for Pershing is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 29th. Work will begin at Victory Lane and proceed east to IL 251. 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.

- The Contractor expects to complete the water service insulation and storm sewer lateral work on Marquette.
- Core out for Liberty is expected to begin mid week. Again, work will begin at Victory Lane and continue east towards IL 251.
- Curb and gutter pours are tentatively scheduled for Wilshire and Leland early to mid week. We will provide notices to the affected residents the day ahead the pour, so please check your temporary mailboxes for notices.
- NICOR advises that it has completed the installation of the new gas mains. NICOR advises that it will have two crews on site, those crews will first complete work on Pershing. Once Pershing is complete, NICOR crews plan to go Marquette.
- There are approximately a half dozen storm sewer laterals throughout the project area that cannot be constructed until conflicts with the gas mains are resolved. So, as NICOR's work continues you may see the Contractor construct storm sewer laterals at various locations throughout the project site. Storm sewer lateral work tends to occupy the entire roadway, so there may be travel inconveniences from time to time due to the work.
- ComEd crews have completed the vast majority of their overhead work. Comcast and AT&T crews may be on site to relocate their respective utilities to the new poles.
- An underground electric cable along has been found to be in conflict with the road improvements. The cable is located along the east side of Erma immediately north of Wilson. ComEd has been notified, and it is possible that ComEd crews may be on site to begin to relocate this line.
- Rain is in the forecast for Friday of this week, as well as Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week. Light rains will not affect core out or underground work, but they most likely delay and/or cut off curb pours.

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