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### **Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #8 July 2, 2015**

On Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, curb and gutter is scheduled to be poured on the **south side of Wilshire between IL 251 and Victory, and west side of Leland between Wilson and Pershing**. 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.

The Contractor will have a crew on site on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare the stone along the south side of Wilson and west side of Leland for curbing. No other work is planned for the Holiday weekend.

#### **Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- Core out for Pershing & Liberty will continue and should wrap up early to mid week.
- Core out will begin on Marquette later in the week. 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 4-6 hours during the process; however, access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day.

- Weather permitting, there may be another curb and gutter pour scheduled for later in the week. We will provide notices to the affected residents the day ahead the pour, so please check your temporary mailboxes for notices.
- NICOR crews will continue to be on site to connect service lines to the new gas mains. As a reminder, 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.

We have experienced a few isolated instances of vandalism of the new curbing along Leland and Wilshire. The vandalism results in additional expense, and adds time to the construction process. If you should see any vandalism occurring, please report it to the Machesney Park Division of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police at (815) 282-2600.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday weekend!

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.