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Gilbert, Wilshire, Liberty, Marquette, Pershing, Erma and Leland Improvements Construction Update #9 July 9, 2015

On Monday, July 13th, curb and gutter is scheduled to be poured on the **south side of Pershing between IL 251 and Victory, and west side of Erma 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 has indicated that they may work Saturday, July 11th, and they anticipate that they would continue with the core out of Liberty.

Week of July 13th:

- Core out on Liberty will continue, and is anticipated to finish early in the week.
- Core out will begin on Marquette once Liberty is complete. 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 numerous 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.
- NICOR will also have a contractor on site to connect your gas meter to the new service line. NICOR's contractor will coordinate with you for this 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 Erma between Wilson and Gilbert 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 again experienced a few isolated instances of vandalism of the new curbing. The vandalism results in additional expense, and adds time to the construction process which obviously inconveniences all those who live and work in the zone. 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.

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.