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IL 251 Service Drive Improvements Construction Update #5 August 4, 2017

Ongoing Work, and Work Completed to Date

- New valves have been installed at the Harlem Ct. and Darr Ct. Intersections
- New water services have been installed along the entire Service Drive.
- Storm sewer has been installed along Harlem Court.
- Storm Sewer has been installed along Darr Court.
- Storm Sewer has been installed along 80% of the IL 251 Service Drive.
- Inlets continue to be installed.

August 4th thru August 11th:

- The Contractor will install the remaining inlets and storm sewer laterals. The inlet and storm sewer work will consume the entire width of the street, so you will not be able to drive around the work zone. There will be a number of inlets that cannot be installed due to a gas main conflict, and those inlets will be installed once the conflicts are resolved.
- The Contractor will install two new water services on Harlem Court. The services will be installed under a “no pressure” condition, meaning that the water main along Harlem Court will be shut down for this construction, and water will be temporarily out of service. The North Park Public Water District (NPPWD) will provide handouts with additional information for those who are affected by the loss of water service. The Contractor expects to complete the water service work on either Tuesday or Wednesday.
- The Contractor will begin the “core out” process of constructing the new pavement structure. We expect this work to commence mid week. The process 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.

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There may 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 to six hours during the core out process; however, access to all driveways will be restored by the end of the day. The Contractor will start at the south end of the Service Drive and work their way north. Once the Service Drive is done, the Contractor will move to Harlem Court, and once complete the Contractor will move to Darr Avenue.

Finally, letters and Temporary Construction Easement forms were sent to the property owners where sidewalk is located behind the right of way line (generally the properties along the Service Drive south of Darr Court). Responses are due by August 11th, so please fill out and return the Temporary Construction Easement as soon as possible if you would like the sidewalk removed.

If you have any comments or questions feel free to contact:

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We thank you for your patience, and we remind you to please exercise caution while driving through the construction zone.