



2022 Street & Utility Improvements Construction Newsletter

September 29, 2022

Construction:

- Street Reconstruction
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Water & Sewer Services
- Storm Sewer

Construction schedule:

Start: October 3, 2022
 Finish: October 28, 2022
 Final Lift: June 23, 2023

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Overview

As you may know, the City of Jackson is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities in a number of locations. The project includes the reconstruction of sewer, water and storm sewer utilities on Emily Street, Riverside Drive and River Street. It also includes new street construction on these streets as well as new asphalt surfacing on Westridge and Northridge Drive. Newsletters like this one will be sent out during certain milestones of the project to help keep residents informed. It is important to note that information and scheduling might change due to weather and unforeseen issues. We will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is the City's engineer for the project. They will act as an extension of City Staff in monitoring construction work and interacting with the contractor daily. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Bolton & Menk's representatives listed on the lower left side.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on June 17 and the project was awarded to Duinick, Inc. from Prinsburg, Minnesota on June 21. In addition to their own staff, Duinick will employ several subcontractors for the project. Duinick is currently scheduled to begin work on Riverside Drive next week, and on Westridge/Northridge Drive on October 31. The remainder of the project areas will be delayed until next Spring. Once we know more information regarding the construction schedule, we will provide an update.

Questions

Private Utilities

Private utility companies have already been working in the area to relocate their utility lines. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City but is necessary to prepare for the proposed sewer and water installations. We understand that this work can result in some rather disruptive and messy conditions, and ask that you please be patient as the various contractors work to complete their individual portion of the improvements.

Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed to your property line as part of the city project. As part of the project, we will identify non-compliant services up to the house such as lead water lines. If your existing sanitary or water service is non-compliant, you will be notified.

Contacts

Informational newsletters, such as this one, may be mailed to you periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the Construction Representative, Tony Garakani, at the phone number or email address listed.

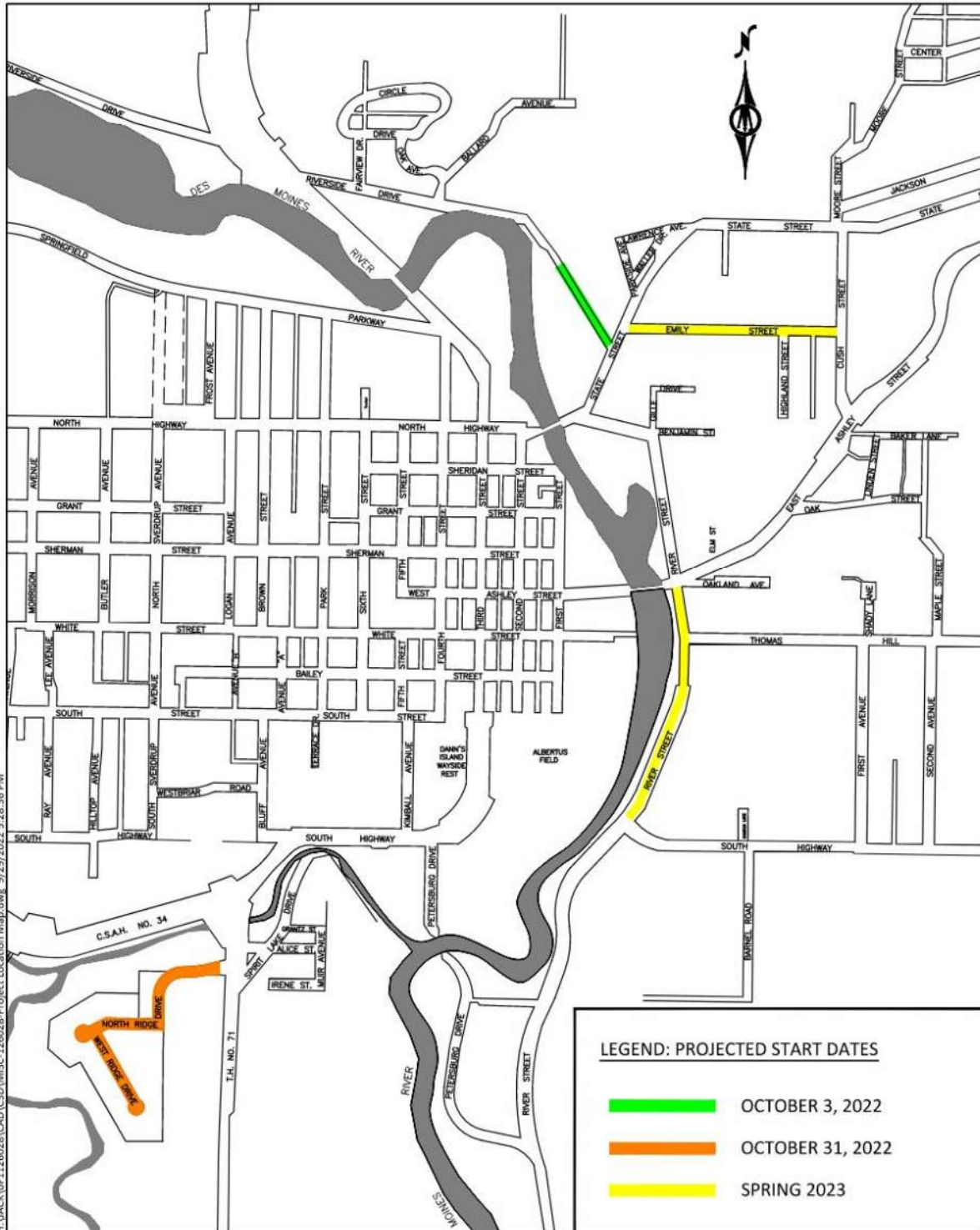


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Figure 1: Project Location

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Alert

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will always be provided. However, planned shut-downs and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence may be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. If so, the Contractor will contact you about connecting the temporary water to a working hose bib on the exterior of your home.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, they will need to be moved before the contractor performs any private service work. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any underground improvements, such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

Parking

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park at a neighbor's house or down the block, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Efforts will be made to restore access to your property as soon as it is reasonable. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb, and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience.



Construction

Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and oftentimes are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has the responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded; likewise, if you observe an unsafe condition, please report it to the Construction Representative immediately.

Garbage

The Contractor will be responsible for managing garbage and recycling pick-up. They will provide access for trucks or haul bins to an accessible location. Please write or display your house number prominently on your garbage & recycle bins so that they can be returned to you.

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a "punch list" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even be in the following spring. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the Construction Representative for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Mailboxes

The Contractor will coordinate with the postmaster to relocate your mail delivery to a temporary bank of mailboxes near your home. You will be notified of the final location once it is determined.

Turf Restoration

Seeded areas will be maintained by the contractor for 30 days following placement. After that, you will be responsible to maintain it as part of your own lawn (providing water, mowing, and other necessary care). Efficient watering practices are important to conserve water and maintain healthy turf. New seed roots take up to a year to reach full length and require at least 2 inches of water per week in three or four applications. When it rains watering reductions are appropriate.

To ensure successful turf establishment it is also important not to mow the grass too short. The first few times you mow, set the mower deck at least 3 inches high or at the highest setting. Do not cut more than half the plant off at a time. It is important to use caution when mowing the grass for the first growing season after placement and remember it is better to have long green grass than short brown grass and dirt.

Driveways

Avoid the use of new asphalt driveways for up to a week to ensure a satisfactory non-scuff surface. If you must use it, do so on the coolest part of the day and with minimum turning movements. Parking on a new asphalt driveway will tend to develop depressions and/or marks in the pavement, especially if the temperature is above 60 degrees.

New concrete driveways are sprayed with a white curing compound. This keeps the moisture content high in the concrete to provide for better curing and strength. Do not seal a new concrete driveway for at least 3 months.