



## Construction Newsletter July 2023

### City Project No. 5960

Welcome to the Street, Sanitary Sewer, Water Main & Storm Sewer Improvements project entitled City Project No. 5960 in the City of Fergus Falls. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of the construction activity taking place in your neighborhood, and provide contact information for any questions or concerns you may have.

#### > Project Area

The City Project No. 5960 project is comprised of the following areas around the City of Fergus Falls:

##### **Summit Ave.**

Broadway Ave. to Oak Str.

##### **Linden Str.**

Broadway Ave. to Oak Str.

##### **Laurel Str.**

First Ave. to Broadway Ave.

A project location map is also provided on the City of Fergus Falls website for residents to better identify the project area(s).



#### > Project Team

The City of Fergus Falls has awarded a construction contract to Joe Riley Excavating to perform the project improvements. The City will be managing engineering duties and working with the Contractor on this project. The following is a listing of people which can be contacted:

##### **Joe Riley Construction Inc.**

Chris Riley | 320.287.1907

Matt Hennemann, On-Site Superintendent |  
320.287.1905

##### **City of Fergus Falls**

Troy Hauge, Resident Project Rep. | 218.205.0334

The above contacts are listed for residents of the project area in order to provide a contact person to call with project specific questions or problems. Resident project representative, Troy Hauge, will be in the field for the duration of the project. Troy can typically meet with you on site to answer questions or concerns.

#### > Project Timing

The contractor is scheduled to begin tree removal the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 on all streets. The week of July 31<sup>st</sup> street removals on Laurel Str. will begin. Time permitting construction will continue on Linden Str. & Summit Ave. All streets under construction this year will be paved this fall. All work is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2024. Initial construction operations will include the installation of traffic control devices, delivery of materials to the site, and removing of the roadways within the project area.

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The roadways will be safe to travel with a vehicle or pedestrian traffic during this time. Although these streets are safe for travel we ask that residents do not park on the streets in these areas if at all possible and utilize other routes around the project area. No parking signs will be installed prior to the start of construction notifying residents of areas where parking will be restricted. We ask that no parking in these areas is followed as vehicles will impede the contractor's ability to perform work in these areas. As construction continues to various areas of the project these signs will be utilized in advance to forewarn residents.

## > What to Expect

The improvements will ultimately consist of street, sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer improvements throughout the project area.

Where the water main is being replaced temporary water service will need to be extended to the homes which are impacted. There may be times when water service will be unavailable to homes, but construction activity will be coordinated so that this disruption is temporary. The temporary water service will resemble a hose that is strung across the boulevard and over the ground where it is connected to the houses. The contractor will ramp the hoses where they cross individual driveways and streets so they are safe to drive over by vehicles. Additionally, when the water service is reconnected after testing and disinfection of the main line, residents are urged to run the water within the house or an outside faucet for 15-20 minutes to flush out the lines of any residual chlorine.

Sanitary sewer services which are located within the right-of-way will be replaced as a part of this project.

All work on this project will be performed by open trench methods, which means that the contractor will be digging in all areas of the project. The contractor will need to periodically close portions or all of the streets during their construction operations.

Additional work which will be performed throughout the project area will be the replacement/addition of

storm sewer mains, replacement of areas of curb and gutter, sidewalk improvements at intersections, and street improvements. In the event only a portion of the project is completed asphalt pavement will occur prior to winter and resume construction in spring of 2024.

## > General Information

We anticipate the project to go smoothly and will do everything possible to keep the residents informed and limit any project inconveniences to as little as possible. If there are any residents which have any medical problems or need to have 24-hour access to their homes due to medical reasons, please contact Troy Hauge so that the contractor can be made aware of the situation and construction operations can be coordinated accordingly. Any residents who are planning gatherings or events out of their homes this summer are also encouraged to contact Troy ahead of time so that arrangements can be made to accommodate these functions.

Garbage containers will be marked specifically to the individual residences. Residents can bring garbage containers to the curb normally throughout construction, if construction activity prevents the garbage truck from getting to your house the contractor will coordinate the containers in these areas to ensure they are dumped and returned back to the curb for residents to collect.

Safety is a major concern on the job-site. The contractor will take precautions to help with safety at the site. Parents, please be extra careful and ensure your children are not climbing or playing on or around construction equipment. If you do notice safety issues, please contact anyone on the project team so it can be quickly resolved.

## > Construction Updates

All future construction updates will be available on the City of Fergus Falls website [ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/government/city-projects/street-projects](https://ci.fergus-falls.mn.us/government/city-projects/street-projects). Weekly updates will provide residents with construction progress, estimated timelines and what to expect as the project advances. Print outs will be made available at City Hall for residents without internet access.