



## Construction Newsletter April 2024

### City Project No. 5959

Welcome to the Street, Sanitary Sewer, Water Main & Storm Sewer Improvements project entitled City Project No. 5959 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. 5959 project is comprised of the following areas around the City of Fergus Falls:

##### **Stanton Ave**

S Union Ave. to S Broadway

##### **S Oak St**

W Lincoln Ave to Stanton Ave

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

#### > Project Schedule

The contractor will tentatively begin removals on Stanton Ave. Week of April 29 & the underground work is tentatively scheduled to start Week of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Following the completion of these phases, roadway improvements will begin. The project is scheduled to be substantially completed on or before September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This includes all work except for the final wearing course on the roadway that will be installed in 2025.

#### > Project Team

**C&L Excavating** (General Contractor)

Curt Suchy

320-493-0173

**City of Fergus Falls**

Troy Hauge

218-205-0334

**Moore Engineering**

Josiah Rostad (Project Engineer)

218-998-4041

Arthur Cloud (Resident Project Representative)

218-556-7423

The above contacts are listed for residents of the project area to provide a contact person to call with project specific questions or problems. Resident project representative Arthur Cloud is the best person to initially contact with questions as he will be in the field for the duration of the project. Arthur can typically meet with you on site to answer questions or attempt to resolve any problems that may occur.

#### > What to Expect

During this first week the contractor will place road closed signage as well as detour signs along with sidewalk closed signs to provide travel guidance. We ask that vehicles are not parked on Stanton Ave between Broadway and Union through the duration of the project to allow the contractor to perform their work safely and efficiently. This will minimize the time it takes to complete the project.

Following initial mobilization and traffic control, the contractor will begin setting up temporary water (for affected homes & businesses), removing bituminous pavement, concrete driveways, sidewalks and trees. 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. There may be times when water service will be unavailable to homes, but construction activity will be coordinated so that this disruption is temporary. 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.

The next phase of construction involves the installation of the underground portion of the project. This includes removing and replacing watermain and Sanitary Sewer Mains & services. 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 totally close off sections of Stanton where excavation is being performed. While contractor will be making every effort to maintain access to businesses/ residences/public facilities, there will be times where access will not be feasible as trenches are opened and access closed off. If necessary, temporary roads will be installed to maintain access.

The remaining phases include the construction of the road core (removing inadequate material and import of structural fill), concrete flat work (sidewalk, driveways, & curb/gutter), roadway paving and finally turf establishment.

### > General Information

We anticipate the project to go smoothly and will do everything possible to keep the residents informed and limit any project inconveniences. 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 Josiah Rostad at 218.998.4041 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 Josiah 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, gravel or soil stockpiles. 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 <https://bit.ly/FFStreetProjects>. 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.

