

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2020

TO: Ellis Mitchell

FROM: Eric Kamps, EIT

RE: City of Benton Harbor Construction Project Updates

Northeast Section Reconstruction Project

The work along the Phase 1 and Phase 2 limits continued on the NE Section Reconstruction project this week. Concrete alleys, driveways, and sidewalks were placed throughout the Phase 1 limits on Territorial Road and Benton Street. Grading and placement of topsoil to disturbed areas also occurred this week along Phase 1 limits. Along the Phase 2 limits tree removals have begun. Larger section of removed trees are being placed in the area between the sidewalk and the curb. The contractor will be picking these up and hauling away in the next few weeks.



For the upcoming weeks, tree removals will continue along Phase 2 of the project, which includes Benton Street south of Main Street, Highland Ave. from Hull Ave. to Fair Ave. and Nowlen St from Cass St to Highland Ave. Work along the Phase 1 limits of the project will be pausing over the holidays, and will resume on January 4th. Phase 2 construction south of Main Street is expected to start in February.

Pipestone Street Corridor Reconstruction Project

Construction continues on schedule for Phase 1 of the project, between Market Street and Main Street. Kalin Construction and their subcontractors worked to place concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk throughout the Phase 1 limits. The contractor also continued to place aggregate base material to start to build the cross section of the pavement. All water services have been installed within the Phase 1 limit.

Next week, Kalin will have their subcontractor onsite to finish placing concrete sidewalks. All other items of work will be placed on hold until after the holiday. Work is scheduled to resume on January 4, 2021.





Stevens Street Reconstruction Project

Onsite, work along Stevens Street and Waukonda Ave. have wrapped up construction for the year. The contractor, Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc., has finished cleaning up the site prior to their winter shutdown. The contractor has removed their equipment from the site and opened the roadways up to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Stevens Street will be under a temporary gravel surface until it can be paved later in the spring of 2021. Project updates will continue when construction resumes in 2021.

2020 Local Streets and Alleys Project

Kalin Construction, completed adjustments to existing valves boxes in the pavement to ensure a smooth transition to the adjacent asphalt pavement. To do this, the contractor cored a circle around each valve box, adjusted it to the pavement elevation, and placed concrete pavement around the cover. Alley work, including cleanup, has been completed. The last items of work that remains is to place pavement markings for centerlines, stop bars, and crosswalks.



Hydrant Replacement Project

This project consists of the replacement of 21 select fire hydrant throughout the city in addition to those being replaced as a part of larger roadway reconstruction projects. The contractor, Kalin Construction, has recently started with replacement of these hydrants. This week, three (3) hydrants were replaced, bringing the total number of replacements to five (5). Work on the hydrant replacements will be placed on hold until work resumes the week of January 4th.

In order to replace some hydrants, small sections of water main may need to be isolated. This could lead to a disruption of service in the vicinity of certain hydrants undergoing replacement. If water main isolation is needed to complete a replacement, nearby residents and businesses will be notified in advance of the potential for a temporary disruption of service. These disruptions are not expected to last more than a few hours.



Work on all of the projects is wrapping up for the year. Most project as scheduled to resume the week of January 4th. Weekly updates on the projects will resume as project resume work after the holidays. If you have any project questions or would like to be added to the email list for project updates, please contact Eric Kamps of the project team at ekamps@abonmarche.com or (269) 926-4556.

