

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2021

TO: Ellis Mitchell

FROM: Eric Kamps, EIT

RE: City of Benton Harbor Construction Project Updates



Pipestone Street Corridor Reconstruction Project

Construction on the Pipestone Corridor Project Phase 2 continued this week in the area between Market Street and Vineyard Street. The project is still progressing on schedule. Kalin Construction is currently continuing to work on the sanitary sewer within the Phase 2 limits. The contractor is planning to complete the mainline sanitary sewer work along Pipestone Street early next week. Kalin Construction is placing the new sanitary sewer in the same location as the existing sanitary and storm sewer. The existing existing sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines are being removed as work progresses to the south. Work on sanitary sewer service laterals continued this week within the Phase 2 limits. As the sewer and services are being placed, the trench is being backfilled and compacted.

Next week, Kalin will be on site to continue the removal of the existing sanitary sewer and installation of the new sanitary sewer and sanitary service laterals within the Phase 2 limits. They are planning to complete the mainline sanitary sewer work along Pipestone Street early next week and move to complete the tie-ins along Jefferson Street and Bellview Street. The contractor is hoping to complete the mainline sanitary sewer work next week. Once complete with the sanitary sewer and services, work will shift to installation of the new water main, working to the south from Market Street.

Hydrant Replacement Project

The contractor, Kalin Construction, resumed work this week on the project. Kalin Construction was able to switch out one (1) hydrant this week. They also investigated the conditions of hydrants and water mains at 6 of the proposed hydrant replacement locations. Next week, Kalin Construction is looking to continue work on the remainder of the project fire hydrants throughout the City in locations that are not part of larger roadway reconstruction projects. The total amount of hydrants locations where work has been performed has increased to twelve (12).

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 along projects will resume as weather allows and will be added back into the weekly project update. 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.