

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2021

TO: Ellis Mitchell

FROM: Eric Kamps, EIT

RE: City of Benton Harbor Construction Project Updates

Northeast Section Reconstruction Project

Selge Construction continued construction on the Northeast Section Reconstruction project, Phase 2, this week. The contractor continued placing water main along Benton Street and Highland Ave. The contractor also worked on removing all the curb and gutter and sidewalks from Highland Ave and Nowlen Street. The water main along Benton Street was able to be completed this week and testing on the new water main has begun.

Next week, the contractor will continue to work on the water main along Highland Ave. As they complete section of the new water main, the main will be tested and chlorinated. Once the water main work is completed, the sanitary sewer work will begin. Storm sewer will follow the completion of the sanitary sewer. The map on the following page shows the project area and detour route that will be utilized during this phase of construction.



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 continued to work on the water main within the Phase 2 limits. The contractor continued to install the new water main, working in a southerly direction. The contractor was able to place the water main up to and in the Vineyard Ave and Pipestone Street intersection, completing all the water main on the Phase 2 limits. The contractor has also begun to test the new water main in completed areas. As the new water main is installed, the trench is being backfilled and compacted.

Next week, Kalin will be completing the installation of the new water main within the Phase 2 limits. As section of the water main pass testing, new water service will be placed. Kalin is hopeful that they will be able to complete all the new water service connections next week. The placement of the new storm sewer will follow the completion and testing of the new water main and placement of new water services.

Maple Street and Vineyard Avenue Reconstruction Project

Construction on the Maple Street and Vineyard Avenue Reconstruction project is currently on hold. Removal of the pavement and underground utility work is expected to begin in April and will continue into the summer.

Hydrant Replacement Project

The contractor, Kalin Construction, has continued work on the replacement of the hydrants. Out of the selected fire hydrants throughout the City that are not a part of the larger roadway reconstruction projects, two (2) hydrants were replaced this week, increasing the total amount of hydrants replaced to fifteen (15). They also worked to complete the restoration in the areas where hydrants have been replaced. Kalin Construction is looking to continue the replacement of hydrants.

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.

