

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2021

TO: Ellis Mitchell

FROM: Eric Kamps, EIT

RE: City of Benton Harbor Construction Project Updates

### **Northeast Section Reconstruction Project**

Selge Construction worked this week on the punch-list of items that was prepared during the walkthrough last week. The contractor worked on fixing and repairing grading and restoration items of work that were noted. They also had their subcontractor come to site to fix and complete the pavement markings that were missing/needed at the time of the walkthrough. Next week, the contractor will be working to clean up the site and continuing to make corrections to issues noted on site. The project will be completed soon. Abonmarche and Selge Construction will be working together to get the project documents together and get the project closed out. The restoration of the tree lawns will continue to be reviewed and evaluated into the fall. Residents are encouraged to water the restoration and tree lawns to help growth.



### **Pipestone Street Corridor Reconstruction Project**



Construction on the Pipestone Corridor Project Phase 3 continued the past week. Along Michigan Street, Kalin Construction worked on grading for concrete sidewalk and were able to complete it. The work then shifted to begin placing the new sidewalk. Kalin also worked on final grading the roadway along Wall Street and Michigan Street with the final aggregate base being fully placed and compacted to the required density.

Next week, Kalin plans to pave the base course asphalt on Wall Street and Michigan Street on Monday and Tuesday. During the paving operations, traffic through the areas will be limited. The contractor is also planning to complete the remaining concrete work. Once complete with the concrete, they will continue to complete the restoration within the project limits. The project is scheduled to be completed later this summer.

### **Maple Street and Vineyard Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Northern Construction Services continued on the Maple Street and Vineyard Ave project. The contractor worked to cleanup the site this week. Most contract items have been completed at this time. A walkthrough was held for the project. After a walkthrough, a punch-list was created and provided to the contractor. Once the contractor has completed the items on the punch-list, the project will be fully complete. The project is expected to be completed soon. The restoration of the tree lawns will continue to be reviewed and evaluated into the fall. Residents are encouraged to water the restoration and tree lawns to help growth.



**The work along Maple Street and Vineyard Ave has been completed.**

### **Clay Street Water Main Replacement Project**



**B&Z worked this week to remove sidewalk and pavement to allow for the placement of the new water main**

Construction on the Clay Street Water Main Replacement project began this week. Along Clay Street, between Pipestone Street and Monroe Street, B&Z Company, Inc worked on saw cutting the pavement and sidewalk within the limits. They also work to complete the removal of the pavement and curb and gutter within the intersection of Pipestone Street and Clay Street. The contractor also tied into the existing water main on Pipestone Street and placed a valve.

Next week, B&Z plans to complete the partial removals within the project limits to allow for the water main placement. After removals are complete, the contractor is planning to begin placing the new water main. Once complete with the new water main, new services will be provided. After water services, storm sewer improvements will be placed. This project is expected to take a few weeks to complete.

### **Water Tower Rehabilitation Project**

The Water Tower Project is currently underway. The water tower has been drained to allow interior work to proceed. The water plant is currently providing water pressure throughout the distribution system in the City. This is expected to remain the same until the interior repairs are able to be completed. This week, Seven Brothers Painting has nearly completed the wet interior blast. They may start prime coat in the wet interior today. The exterior of the tank is completely blasted and prime coated now. The epoxy intermediate coat is a little over half-way completed. The plan for next week is to paint out the wet interior and the exterior. The exterior work and progress will be greatly dependent on the weather.



As work along projects begin, information will be added to 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](mailto:ekamps@abonmarche.com) or (269) 926-4556.

