



City of

Rockford, Minnesota

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Main Street / County Road 20 will be closed in Downtown Rockford for approximately three weeks beginning Wednesday, May 4th, 2016, between Highway 55 and Elm Street.

Water Main replacement and repair will occur during this time frame and will protect against future repairs and service disruptions.

Please contact project representative, Steve Hegland, with any questions you may have: shegland@wenck.com; (612) 741-6548.

Last Thursday, during the concrete removal and hydrant relocation phase of the Main Street Project, staff discovered a leak in the connection to the fire hydrant near Main Street and Elm Street. During repair of the fire hydrant connection, staff observed substantial deterioration to the hydrant stabilization rods and bolts. Staff also observed leaking in the valve attached to the water main in this location, with subsequent inspection showing the same deterioration to the bolts connecting the main to the valves. Last Friday, staff relocated the hydrant at Main Street and Walnut Street. The same type of deterioration in the valve bolts was noted, along with substantial deterioration in the water pipe.

Our City Engineers have informed us that the condition of the Mains, Valves and / or other connections under Main Street, if not repaired now, will likely require repair and replacement within the next five years. Fortunately, the current phase of our project has work crews on site that have the capacity to repair and replace our water main and related infrastructure which greatly reduces the cost and inconvenience to our community.

This water main and infrastructure repair and replacement process will require the City and County to close Main Street / County Road 20 from Highway 55 to Elm Street for a period of approximately three weeks. We have already started working on a closure schedule that allows the most flexibility for through or cross traffic to avoid as much disruption to our community as possible. We are projecting the closure of Main Street to begin Wednesday, May 4th, 2016.

During the road closure, Elm Street will be accessible and can be taken to Mechanic Street to access Bridge Street and Highway 55. Additionally, Ash Street can be used to access Highway 55 as well. We will continue to post updates on the City's website tracking our construction process which will also provide updated information on our construction schedule as we move forward. While this was an unanticipated complication to the Main Street Improvement Project, the three week closure of Main Street will allow us to stay on track with our estimated project completion date of August 1st, 2016.

Please contact project representative, Steve Hegland, with any questions you may have: shegland@wenck.com; (612) 741-6548. You can also visit the City's website for weekly updates which are typically posted Friday afternoons: www.cityofrockford.org.