

# 2016 Downtown Improvements Update

May 6, 2016



City of Rockford

## Project Update

The water main and infrastructure replacement portion of the project has been initiated. Burschville Construction has begun with the replacement of the watermain.

The temporary detour of Main Street/ County Road 20 from Highway 55 to Elm Street started on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be in affect for a period of approximately three weeks. 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.

Properties located along Main St will still have access to buildings throughout this phase of the project. Vehicle access will be maintained throughout as well to local businesses and homes. All access issues should be coordinated with Steve Hegland at 612-741-6548.

## Project Progress

Burschville Construction has begun the watermain replacement portion of the project. Work began by replacing valves at the perimeter of the affected area. Watermain replacement began at Elm St and Burschville Construction continues making progress to the south. The contractor plans to continue watermain replacement working south along Main St. Burschville has completed a majority of the removals along the eastern edge of the property.

Burschville Construction placed affected properties on temporary water service on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Property owners are asked not to tamper with temporary water services and report to project engineer any issues with services.

Xcel Energy continues relocating overhead power poles and transitioning electrical services off of the poles along Main St to other facilities. Xcel anticipates their work to be completed the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Centurylink has begun switching communication services off of the poles along Main St. They will continue transitioning communication services next week and should be completed the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Areas disturbed by small utility work will be restored to original conditions, once work is completed.
- Temporary service interruptions may occur during private utility relocation but these **WILL** be communicated with affected properties prior to occurring.

## Upcoming Work

- Burschville Construction will continue watermain replacement through next week. Work will continue to progress south from their current location just south of Cedar St.
- After watermain placement is completed, Burschville Construction will continue removing pavement and sidewalk along Main St. Removals along the western side of the project area will continue next week.
- Stormwater piping replacement will continue next week. This work was part of the initial project scope.
- Xcel Energy will be onsite transitioning power services from the existing overhead lines running along main to new locations. Xcel will notify property owners prior to switching over power.



## What can you do?

- It is the City's priority to maintain a safe environment during this project. Safety involves not only the City and the Contractors, but the residents as well. We ask that you:
  - Do not touch to move the temporary water system. Please notify city staff at 612-741-6548 with any issues with the system.
  - Stay a safe distance from equipment and excavations.
  - Drive with caution and do not cross into the construction area unless through an approved location. Obey construction signage.
  - Respect the construction notices with regards to parking and access to areas of the site.
- In an emergency, dial 911.
- Send your E-mail address to [sheland@wenck.com](mailto:sheland@wenck.com) to be included on future e-mails. Steve can be contacted at 612-741-6548 with questions about the project.