

2016 Downtown Improvements Update

June 17, 2016



City of Rockford

Project Update

The Wright County 2016 Highway Project is scheduled to move into Downtown Rockford the week of June 27th, 2016 which will consist of a newly paved Main St/ County Road 20. In an effort to support the County Project and help our Main Street Project remain ahead of schedule, the Main Street closure from Highway 55 to Elm Street will be extended through the week of June 27th, reopening July 2nd. To minimize the impacts to the residents and businesses, the intersection at Walnut, Bridge and Cedar and Elm Street will remain open. Periodically intersections may be closed for work, but at a minimum, one intersection will remain open.

Project Progress

Currently the Downtown Improvements Project is in the sidewalk, landscaping and lighting portion of the project. Blackstone Contractors, the project sidewalk and landscaping contractor, is currently working on prepping and pouring the concrete sidewalk. All tree planter boxes have been completed and concrete sidewalk has been poured from Hwy 55 to Walnut St and a portion of the sidewalk from Walnut St to Bridge St has been completed. Please keep all vehicle and pedestrian traffic off of newly poured concrete throughout the project until after the approved timeframes. All concrete access questions should be directed to Steve Hegland at 612-741-6548.

Blackstone Contractors plans to continue pouring concrete sidewalk working from Hwy 55 to the park and likely doing both sides of the street as they progress.

Installation of conduit and lighting pole bases for the street lighting is ongoing.

Upcoming Work

- Preparation of the sidewalk subgrade will likely be completed the week of June 20th.
- Concrete sidewalk installation will continue. The contractor plans to continue installing sidewalk from block to block working north along the project.
- Lighting pole base installation will be completed the week of June 20th.

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:
 - Please stay off concrete sidewalk and driveways after it is poured. Please contact Steve Hegland at 612-741-6548 if you witness any vandalism of concrete.
 - 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 shegland@wenck.com to be included on future e-mails. Steve can be contacted at 612-741-6548 with questions about the project.