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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Central Avenue Reconstruction Project

July 14, 2022

Dear Resident,

Work on the Central Avenue reconstruction project is tentatively expected to start later this month. The contractor for this project is Berger Excavating Contractors.

This project will be completed in two stages. The first stage of the project will include the installation of a new storm sewer on Central Avenue to 47th Street and on Elm Street from Lawn Avenue to Central Avenue. The new storm sewer outfall will terminate at Flagg Creek, south of 47th Street. This stage of the project is estimated to occur this year.

The second stage will involve the concrete reconstruction of Central Avenue. The pavement on Central Avenue, between Burlington Avenue and 47th Street, will be removed and reconstructed one-half at a time. The west half of the roadway will be reconstructed first, and that work may happen in 2022 or 2023, pending the construction progress of the sewer installation. The reconstruction of the east lane is estimated to occur in 2023.

Due to the ongoing Local 150 strike for quarry operators, construction progress, and other factors, any dates and times outlined in this letter are subject to change.

The remaining project work includes:

- Complete removal and replacement of the existing roadway
- New concrete curbs & gutter
- New concrete pavement
- Intersection ADA sidewalk ramp upgrades
- Existing asphalt and concrete driveway aprons, within the Village owned right-of-way will be removed and replaced with in-kind materials
- Parkway restoration (topsoil and sod)

Sign up for Project Notices

One of the most important aspects of a successful roadway project is communication with residents. Please utilize the project web page www.wsprings.com/central-avenue. The project web page allows residents to subscribe to weekly updates and become educated on the various components of road reconstruction. Project updates will be posted in the "News Flash" section of the Project website and will be automatically sent via e-mail and/or text message to anyone who signs up for automatic updates. They will also appear on the right side of the project web page. Updates are typically sent out weekly. These updates will contain information on the weekly



schedule of construction, water shutoffs, driveway accessibility, and emergencies. Instructions detailing how to sign up for the emailed Project updates have been included with this letter.

West Side Reconstruction (Estimated to start in 2022 or 2023)

Once the reconstruction of the west half of the roadway starts, the east side of the roadway will be open to one-way traffic. East side residents will have nightly driveway access but may experience traffic delays due to construction activities during working hours. The final construction schedule is not determined, and further information will be issued as it becomes available.

East Side Reconstruction (Estimated to start in 2023)

East Side Residents: Once the roadway pavement in front of your driveway has been removed, east side residents will be without driveway access for approximately 3-4 weeks while the east side of the roadway is constructed. The project team intends to provide a notice to each home on the street at least a day before the closure. Residents will need to park on the street on nearby streets that are not under construction. In addition, the Western Springs Park District confirmed that 10 parking spaces at the parking lot at Elm Street and Central Avenue will be open to allow overnight parking for the impacted resident during construction. The overnight parking will be only for the hours available between 10 pm and 6 am.

Resident Parking During Construction

As mentioned earlier, the reconstruction of the east lane is estimated to occur in 2023. The residents will have their driveway access until then. The Village will provide another construction notice letter with parking information closer to that time.

Please Mark Your Private Utilities located in the Parkway

The Village-owned right-of-way encompasses 66', or generally 33' in both directions from the street center line. Private systems (i.e. electric fences, sprinkler systems, landscaping improvements) are sometimes located within this public right-of-way (parkway), often underground. These systems are the sole responsibility of the homeowner per [Municipal Code 8-2-9: Private Improvements in the Public Right of Way](#). The Village will not conduct repairs to private systems located in the parkway.

Residents are encouraged to mark any private systems with flags or paint before the project start date for your half of the roadway. To be safe, the Village recommends marking any systems within the entire right-of-way, and those within five feet (5') of any sidewalk, curb, or driveway. The contractors will do their best to not cause damage to your private system though sometimes the damage is unavoidable. Please contact the Resident Engineer immediately after discovering any damage to private facilities.

Driveway Apron Replacement

Concrete reconstruction requires the removal and replacement of all concrete and asphalt driveway aprons within the Village right-of-way. Aprons will be replaced with the same material as the existing driveway. Residents may request, in writing, to replace the apron with concrete.

Please send an email to the Resident Engineer with this request. New aprons will meet the width of the existing driveway at the sidewalk and taper three feet (3') on both sides at the curb line, per [Municipal Code 8-2-8 \(Driveway Aprons\)](#). An effort will be made to minimize disturbance to a brick paver or other non-standard driveway aprons.

Golf Cart Taxi Service

The Village will be implementing a taxi service using the Public Works golf cart that will be available during working hours. The golf cart will be available to transport residents from their vehicles to their homes when the road is closed. The only requirement for this service is a signed Hold Harmless Agreement that will be available on the project web page and at Village Hall. The completed form can be sent via email to jkoza@wsprings.com or dropped off at Village Hall to the Village Engineer's attention. Contact Municipal Services at 708-246-1800 ext. 200 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a pickup/drop-off.

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be made on the usual pick-up day. Place your garbage bin as close to the curb as possible and the garbage company will take it away.

Project Contact Information

The Village is utilizing a consultant engineer, V3 Companies, to provide construction inspection services on this project. The Resident Engineer will be Sean Ludwig, sludwig@v3co.com, 630-768-2151. Sean will generally be on-site and is the best point of contact for any immediate project concerns. Additionally, the consultant Project Manager Rick Kipp can be contacted at rkipp@v3co.com. Finally, should you have any general project questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at 708-246-1800 ext. 202 or via email at jkoza@wsprings.com.

Sincerely,
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