



CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN
for
52nd Street Rehabilitation
Eastern to Kalamazoo

General Information:

The City of Kentwood will be rehabilitating 52nd Street from Eastern Ave to Kalamazoo Ave starting July 13, 2015.

Scope of Work:

- Rehabilitation of 52nd Street including a new concrete pavement surface.
- Curbs, sidewalks and driveways are not included unless they are near utility work or in failed condition.
- At 7 intersections, water main will be installed across 52nd to connect on the south side of the road.

Traffic and Access:

The project is scheduled to begin July 13, 2015 and will be complete around September 30, 2015, weather dependent. During construction, 52nd Street will have only a single lane of traffic, which will always be one way going **eastbound only**. There will be a detour directing westbound motorists to 60th Street via Kalamazoo and Eastern. You should plan extra time to get to and from your property. We recognize this will be inconvenient, but it is the only way to have a safe and protected worksite while maintaining access throughout the project.

There will be a period of time (three to five days) during installation of the concrete pavement when direct access to a single-family or duplex home with a driveway on 52nd Street **will not be available**. The contractor will provide notification to you each time access will be restricted. During these times, you will need to park in a nearby neighborhood or make other arrangements. We recommend you make a plan or arrangements ahead of time to reduce frustration. Do not park on private property unless you have specific permission from the property owner. If you have a medical or other condition that would impact a restriction, please get in touch with the City's Project Manager, Dan VanderHeide, using the contact information at the end of this letter. Access to businesses (and the church) will be maintained at virtually all times via part-width driveway construction and alternate access routes. If you are a business owner with specific concerns about how access to your business will be maintained, contact the Project Manager using the information on the back.

The Contractor has been granted permission to work from the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on days when they are placing concrete pavement, due to the length and complexity of the operation. On all other work days they will be limited to the City's standard working hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. No work is currently planned for Sundays.

If you use the RAPID bus for transportation, that service will be unavailable on 52nd Street beginning from about August 23 to the end of the project. You will need to make arrangements to get to the intersections of Eastern or Kalamazoo to catch the bus there. Learn more about bus routes and bus stops at www.ridetherapid.org.

If you live on the south side of 52nd Street or in the neighborhoods south of 52nd Street and you have children that usually get on the school bus right on 52nd Street, those school bus stops will be eliminated until the end of the project, since your children would need to cross the construction zone to reach the bus. Those bus stops will instead be on the side streets, south of 52nd Street. If you have specific concerns about where children will get on the bus, contact Kentwood Public Schools Transportation at 698-7007.

Funding:

The roadway portion of this project is being paid for with the gasoline taxes and vehicle registration fees that all motorists pay. No road costs will be directly borne by the residents, businesses, and property owners that have frontage on or access via 52nd Street.

Some water main work, related to the work done in the summer and fall of 2014, will be paid for by the City's water fund. These costs will be accounted for in the yearly rate calculations that are used to determine the unit cost of water service to all customers in the system.

Private Property

The City has already secured the property and easements necessary to complete the work. If you have not been contacted about an easement, we do not anticipate working on your property. The Contractor may choose to contact some property owners separately in order to arrange for material and equipment storage. You would enter into those negotiations at your own risk.

Mail:

In order to properly operate the paving equipment, mailboxes on 52nd Street will need to be removed. They will be grouped together and placed at convenient points along the project, such as on side streets. The Contractor will work with the Post Office to minimize the inconvenience and ensure mail delivery.

Trash Service:

If you live on 52nd Street trash will continue to be collected on your regular day, but you may need to place it on the nearest side street for access by your waste hauler. Contact your waste hauler with specific questions about where you should place your cart if your driveway is inaccessible.

Progress Updates:

If you have expressed interest, you will receive updated construction schedule information via email, based on our bi-weekly progress meetings. The updates will include current contact information for you to express and resolve any of your concerns caused by the construction project. If you would like to receive these updates but did not attend the meeting over the winter, please contact the Project Manager below.

Contractor and Engineer:

The City selected Dean's Landscaping & Excavating, Inc. (Dean's) to complete the project, which submitted the lowest of 6 bids. Dean's is a well-respected contractor that does this type of work regularly, including work for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). They will have sub-contractors on site from time to time for specialty items of work. The City of Kentwood has hired Prein & Newhof, Inc. as the engineering firm that will oversee the construction process on our behalf. Ryan Stone of Prein & Newhof will be the City's representative on site each day, and he can be reached at (269) 377-2944 with specific concerns.

Summary:

52nd Street has deteriorated beyond the point at which minimally-disruptive maintenance treatments are effective, and needs a major rehabilitation. The project will provide a new, long lasting surface for 52nd Street but will not widen the street, nor will it replace sidewalks and driveways.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation and look forward to the completion of this noteworthy project.

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