

CITY OF PORTAGE

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April 18, 2025

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

Pursuant to the letter provided on December 3, 2024, this letter is to inform you that the City will be reconstructing W. Wisconsin Street (USH-51), from W. Pleasant Street to W. Edgewater Street over the next few months. Work will include the installation of storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water utilities, electrical conduit, and base pavement along this stretch of roadway. The Contractor awarded this project is A-1 Excavating. They anticipate starting asphalt removals and sanitary installations along W. Wisconsin Street beginning on May 5th, 2025. The anticipated completion for the project is July 31st, 2025. This project is being performed in conjunction with the State resurfacing project which will begin following City reconstruction. The State project is intended to be completed in late August. Please note these are tentative schedules. The weather may cause delays in the work of the contractor may complete sections of work sooner than anticipated creating a schedule shift.

You may notice utility locates being conducted. Please refrain where possible from removing or destroying those locates after work begins. Throughout the project you may experience noise, delays, dust, mud, shaking from the vibratory roller, and other inconveniences, however this work will provide significant infrastructure improvement.

During the project, W. Wisconsin Street will remain completely closed to traffic from W. Pleasant Street to W. Edgewater Street. There will be a number of bypasses to avoid construction during the projected timeframe, however all truck and heavy traffic will be required to follow the posted detour route utilizing segments of Wauona Trail, STH-33, E. Albert Street, and New Pinery. These restrictions are necessary for your safety and to prevent any damage to your vehicle. Vehicle access will be prohibited during construction in the work zone. Vehicles found to be in violation of these restrictions may be subject to towing and/or additional fines.

PLEASE NOTE: BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION. The Contractor will ensure pedestrian access wherever feasible. Any disruption to pedestrian access will be scheduled ahead of time with the affected property owners.

Safety Precautions: Construction sites are dangerous at all times!

- Please stay a good distance away from the working crew and excavations.
- Please be patient of the workers as they may not see you.
- Please drive very slowly at all times as there may be loose rocks and hidden structures that will damage your vehicle
- It is suggested that you do not bike on the street during the construction period.
- Please watch your children at all times and do not allow them to play on construction material, equipment and near the construction site.
- Please explain the dangers of construction sites to your young drivers.
- If you see any hazardous driving through the construction area please get the make, model and license # of the vehicle and report it to the City of Portage Police Department.

For anyone with a disability or special access requirements to their home, please contact the Engineering Department and we will make reasonable accommodations to provide you acceptable access.

We respectfully request your patience and indulgence during the construction project and encourage you to contact our office with any questions or concerns that may arise. You are also encouraged to attend an information meeting being held by City staff. Information on the meeting can be found below.

Public Information Meeting, April 28th between 5:30-6:30 P. M. in Council Chambers –

This meeting is to ask questions about how your property will be affected by construction and to address any access issues and timing issues that individual residents may have. This will also be the best opportunity to learn about why the City is doing this project and what you can expect when it is complete. *No formal presentation will be made this is simply a question and answer session with City staff.*

Any concerns or problems after hours, 4:30pm– 7am, residents should contact City of Portage Police Department (608)742-2171. The operator will contact the DPW on call staff and staff can address the issue.

There will be a full time inspector on the job who is available to discuss concerns you may have. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at any time between 8:00 – 4:30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philip L. Livingston".

Philip L. Livingston
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