

What to expect

Utility construction is expected to start on Phase III of Fifth Street from Division Street to Washington Street in the coming week. Properties in this area should expect the road to be closed down starting Thursday, August 7, 2008. The initial operation will be removing the existing road surface. During road surface removals, the contractor will also be hooking up buildings to a temporary water system between Division Street and Washington Street. Buildings that need temporary water will be contacted during this process. Once temporary water is hooked up, Utility construction, (sanitary sewer, water main, & storm sewer installation) will begin in the Division Street and Fifth Street intersection and progress towards Washington Street.

NEW THIS WEEK: 5th Street from Water to Washington will be closed starting Thursday, August 7, 2008. This includes the intersection of Division and 5th Street

Phasing & Schedule

The project has been phased to allow access and movement to the surrounding area while allowing the contractor to complete the work in a timely and cost effective manner. The phasing has been slightly modified from the original plan due to differing site conditions. The City is balancing the priorities of substantially completing the project by the Defeat of Jesse James Days and providing access through construction. The following is the current status of the phased work.

Phase I – Work in Phase I, which is the Water Street parking area, continues to progress. The majority of work left is in the Promenade area along the river. Water Street continues to be open to traffic to allow access to the businesses. Parking along Water Street will continue to be closed so work can continue along the Promenade area.

Phase II – Work on Phase II (Water Street and Fifth Street intersection) has been completed except for sidewalks and pedestrian ramps. This intersection will be open to traffic starting Thursday, August 7, 2008, to allow access to Water Street going both north and south.

Phase III –Phase III construction has progressed into the second leg, which includes Fifth Street from Division Street to Washington Street. This area, including the intersection of Division Street and Fifth Street will be closing down to traffic starting Thursday August 7, 2008. The contractor will concentrate on completing the utilities (sanitary sewer, water main, and storm sewer) in the intersection of Fifth Street and Division Street before progressing towards Washington Street.

Work will continue on the first leg of Phase III, which is Fifth Street from Division Street to Water Street. Utility construction should finish up by the end of the week, and the process of building the road will begin. This includes hauling out the undesirable soils, and replacing them with new sand and gravel. After the new sand and gravel has been hauled in, new concrete curb and gutter, sidewalks, and electrical facilities will be installed.

Parking

A reminder that during construction a number of parking stalls will be temporarily out of service. This may require a person to park 1-2 blocks from their destination. The City understands this is an inconvenience, however it is necessary to complete the project. Other Public parking is available throughout the downtown at the following locations:

Long Term Parking (greater than 2 hours):

- Municipal lot at Washington & 5th
- Municipal lot at Washington & 4th
- Municipal lot at Washington & 3rd
- On-street parking along Washington & 7th

Short Term Parking (under 2 hours):

- On-street parking in the downtown including Division, Water, 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th

There are a number of private parking lots in the downtown area. The City does not have the jurisdiction to regulate (i.e. ticket and tow) parking in these lots. If a vehicle is parked in a private lot by someone that the lot is not intended for, the owner may have the vehicle towed.

Safety

We are all attracted to construction machinery and enjoy watching construction work, especially children. The construction crews are very safety conscious and do their best to keep hazardous areas to a minimum. We ask that you keep your distance from construction areas and that parents stress to children that they can watch, but they must keep their distance as well.

Summary of Phase I Construction

Work Recently Completed:

- Installation of the Limestone River Stairs
- Installation of the Kiosk Base

Work to be completed in the coming weeks:

- Street and Pedestrian Level Lighting
- River bank restoration and plantings

Summary of Phase II Construction

Work Recently Completed:

- Subbase prep for paving
- Installation of curb and gutter
- Installation of concrete intersection
- Installation of brick paver crosswalks

Work to be completed in the coming weeks:

- Sidewalk installation

Summary of Phase III Construction

Work Recently Completed:

- Installation of sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer from Water to Division

Work to be completed in the coming weeks:

- Installation of temporary water for those services between Division and Washington
- Utility installation from Division Street to Washington Street
- Street Construction from Water Street to Division Street

We thank you for your patience and cooperation through this project!

Construction Coffee

In an effort to maintain communication through this project the City has been holding regular tours of the site with updates on the progress. Due to lack of attendance we have decided to suspend the project tours and progress reports. We will continue to periodically update the public through the use of Construction Newsletters. If at anytime you have questions please contact the Engineering Division.



**Please contact the
Engineering Division
with questions**

Sean Simonson (612-328-8615) or Steve Bennett (507-291-6490), of the City of Northfield, will be on the project site providing construction observation and coordination. You may approach them on site with any questions or comments you may have.

Brian Hilgardner, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Engineering Manager. He can be contacted at (612) 328-4729 or brianhi@bolton-menk.com

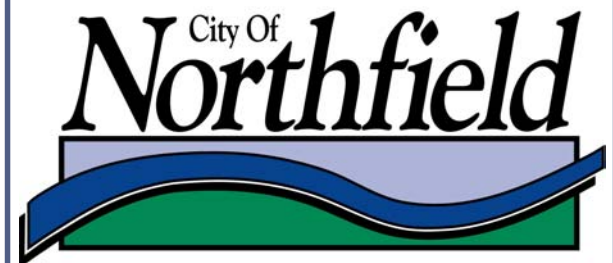
Joel Walinski, Public Services Director or *Katy Gehler-Hess*, City Engineer may also be contacted at 507-645-3020.

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