



Ottawa Avenue (Newberry to Mason) and (Walbridge to south of Coldbrook) Reconstruction

Address block here

The City of Grand Rapids will reconstruct the street above this construction season. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the project. We invite you to contact us at the number or e-mail address below with any questions or concerns.

Tentative Construction Schedule

Phase 1: Ottawa Avenue (Newberry Street to Mason Street)
Late March – June 2023

Phase 2: Ottawa Avenue (Walbridge Street to south of Coldbrook Street)
July 5 – end of August

Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000
communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249

Construction Information

Street Reconstruction and Design

The street's full width will be reconstructed including the curb and gutter. The project will also:

- Remove the existing bicycle lanes and install a parkway to add more greenspace and create space for street trees. The parkway is the area between the sidewalk and curb.
- Parking will be maintained on both sides of the street.
- Install curb extensions at intersections to shorten the pedestrian crossings and better define the parking lane.

Access, Parking, and Detour Route

- The street will be closed to through traffic with local and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the streets during construction hours.
- Access to businesses will always be maintained.
- Detour uses Newberry Street, Division Avenue, and Coldbrook Street.

Driveways and Sidewalks

- All driveway approaches and sidewalk will be replaced. Affected residents and businesses will not have access to their driveways for 5-7 days while the work is completed and the concrete cures. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance.
- The contractor will work with affected businesses to maintain driveway access as best possible. This may include replacing half of the driveway approach at a time.
- Driveway access may not be available when road work is directly in front of a driveway.



Parkways and Street Trees

- Sidewalk, curb, and drive approach work may disturb the parkway. The parkway is the area between the curb and sidewalk. Should this happen, the area will be restored with grass. Please water these areas after the project is done to help the grass establish.
- If you have a sprinkler system, please mark the sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers broken during construction will be repaired.
- New street trees will be planted.

Water Main

- The water main, which provides water to properties along the street, will be replaced.
- Lead water service lines that carry water from the main into residences must be replaced as required by the State of Michigan. If the lead water service line has already been replaced in the past, this does not apply to you. If your residence still has a lead water service line, the City's Water System and plumbing contractor will contact you if they have not already. To give us permission to replace the lead line, the property owner should sign an Agreement (available at grcity.us/LeadAgreement). If you have questions, please contact the Water System at leadfreewater@grcity.us.
- For commercial buildings with lead service lines, the City portion of the service lines into buildings will be replaced. The City's Water System will contact you regarding the private portion of your service line, if needed.
- There will be three water shutdowns to complete this work. The contractor will provide notice 24 hours in advance.
- Occasionally, a water main may accidentally break during construction. If this should happen, you may not be notified, but repairs will be made as quickly as possible to restore your service.
- Following a water shutdown, calcified deposits may be dislodged by water pressure once the system is turned back on. Please run outside faucets first and then the faucets in all sinks to clear the lines. If some faucets are running slowly, it may be necessary to check the screens and clean off any debris.

Storm Sewer

The street's storm sewer system, which handles stormwater, will be upgraded. Stormwater is rainwater or water from melting snow or ice. The stormwater system includes catch basins (the grates found periodically along curbs) that collect the water from the street and carry it into a main line.

Other Items

- Access for mail and other delivery services will be maintained.
- Typical construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, work may be done on Sunday. Work hours are dependent on weather and the contractor's schedule.

Business Guide

As we work to improve the street, we understand that businesses are sensitive to construction. For this reason, we've created a guide containing information for businesses during construction. Please find this guide on our website or contact us to get a hard copy.

Ottawa Avenue Final Design

