



Ottawa Avenue NW (Hastings Street to Newberry Street), Trowbridge St NW (Monroe Avenue to Ottawa Avenue), and Fairbanks St NW (Ottawa Avenue to Ionia Avenue) Road Construction

The City of Grand Rapids will make improvements to the above street segments this construction season. You are receiving 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.

Tentative Construction Schedule

Phase 1: Trowbridge Street (Monroe Avenue to Ottawa Avenue)

February 7 - February 28

Trowbridge Street will open before work begins in Ottawa Avenue.

Phase 2: Ottawa Avenue (Hastings to Newberry) and Fairbanks Street (Ottawa Avenue Ionia Avenue)

Late February - June

Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

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After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249

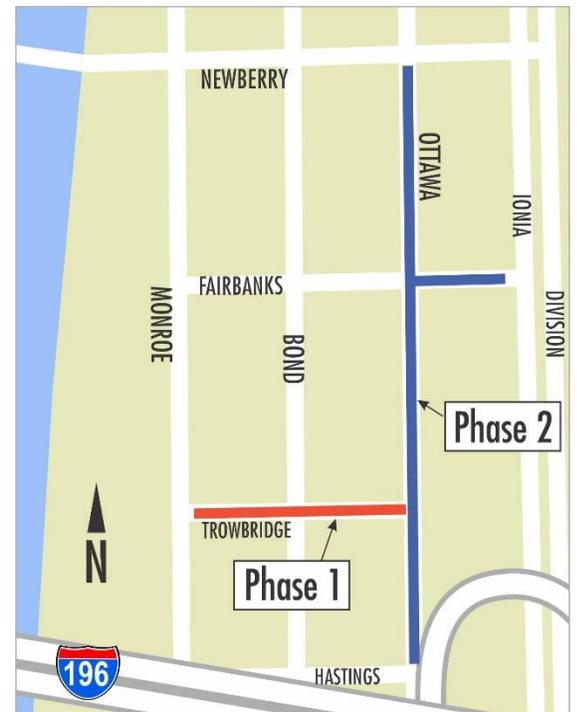
Construction Information

Street Reconstruction

- The gas main in Trowbridge Street and Fairbanks Street will be replaced. The gas main will also be replaced in Ottawa Avenue from Trowbridge Street to Fairbanks Street.
- Ottawa Avenue's full width will be reconstructed including the curb and gutter from Fairbanks Street to Newberry Street. The project will remove bicycle lanes on Ottawa Avenue from Newberry Street to Fairbanks Street, widen the sidewalks and build a parkway (area between the curb and sidewalk).
- Ottawa Avenue from Hastings Street to Fairbanks Street will be resurfaced. This is a less intensive process than a reconstruction and involves removing and replacing the road surface.

Access, Parking, and Detour Route

- Streets under construction will be closed to through traffic with local and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the streets during construction hours.
- The detour will use Monroe Avenue and Newberry Street. Detour routes will be clearly marked.
- An accessible pedestrian pathway will be maintained throughout construction.
- Access to businesses will be always maintained.



Additional Construction Information for Ottawa Avenue

Driveways and Sidewalks

- All driveway approaches and sidewalk will be replaced on Ottawa Avenue from Fairbanks Street to Newberry Street. Affected 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.
- Some driveway approaches and sidewalk will be replaced on Ottawa Avenue from Hastings Street to Fairbanks Street.
- 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.

Streetlights, Parkways, and Street Trees

- Ornamental street lighting will be installed along Ottawa Avenue from Hastings Street to Newberry Street.
- If you have a sprinkler system, please mark the sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers broken during construction will be repaired.
- Some street trees may be removed as they would be adversely impacted by the construction.
- New street trees will be planted.

Water Main

- The water main, which provides water to properties along the street, will be replaced in Ottawa Avenue from Fairbanks Street to Newberry Street.
- Typically, there will be two water shutdowns: once when the new main is placed in service (4 to 8 hours long) and another to connect individual water services for each property to the new main (2 to 4 hours long). There may be a third shut down to complete the final main switch. 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

Ottawa Avenue's storm sewer system, which handles stormwater, will be replaced from Fairbanks Street to Newberry Street. 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.

