

IA 136/JOHNSON ST. RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE #2

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PROJECT UPDATE #2

The contractor, Midwest Concrete, started the second week of construction by continuing installation of sanitary sewer pipe to the north towards 2nd Ave. Approximately 140 feet of pipe was placed and backfilled on Monday. Due to the sandy nature of the material under the roadway, trench boxes were used to make sure the banks do not collapse. Doing this limits additional excavation work, potential damage to the pipe, and injury to the pipe setters.

Tuesday the crew installed about 76 feet of pipe, which got them to the next manhole at the 2nd Ave. intersection. The crew also began excavation for the new manhole before heading home for the day.

Wednesday the crew installed the new manhole at the 2nd Ave. intersection. This was a big undertaking due to the depth of the manhole and the aforementioned sandy soil banks. After the manhole base was set, the crew started setting pipe to the north towards the existing manhole in the alley intersection just south of the gas station. The new pipe will be tied into this existing manhole and will be the northern endpoint of the sanitary sewer upgrades for this project.



The crew showed up ready to work on Thursday, but mother nature did not cooperate. The rain caused the crew to call it a rain day and were not able to get any work done.

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Friday the crew was back to work installing the east leg of pipe out of the 2nd Ave. manhole to tie in to existing sanitary. The remainder of the day was used to tidy up the site for the weekend.

As of now, the plan for next week is to finish the installation of all sanitary sewer, weather permitting. After sanitary sewer is completed, water main replacement will begin. During water main install, portions of the existing water main will need to be shut off to connect the new water main to the existing system. During these times, residents in the immediate area of the work may experience periods of time without water. These water outages will be conveyed to affected residents the day prior to try and allow them time to plan for the scheduled shutdowns. Please keep an eye on your front doors for hangers.

For those who live and travel throughout the project corridor on a regular basis, please use caution around the ongoing construction. Midwest, and their subcontractors, may have multiple crews working at any given time.

PLEASE STAY ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

As a reminder, neither Medical Associates nor White Front's driveways should be used as a through roadway. Those are on private property and can be considered trespassing if not used correctly. To aid in town traffic, the city has made some traffic changes on Buchanan St. SW to allow traffic in both directions to 1st Ave. Please be sure to obey stop signs and the speed limit.



If you have questions throughout construction, please do not hesitate to contact MSA or Lisa Kotter, the City Administrator.