



Waconia Street Construction Summer 2019 Frequently Asked Questions



What is happening on Waconia Parkway? I don't see work happening the entire length of the roadway, is it possible to keep one lane open?

We understand the frustration with this road being closed, as it is a major road into the City's downtown. Sometimes with road projects, there is important work being done that isn't easy to see, doesn't use bulldozers, or other heavy equipment. We will get to that work soon, but right now a lot of the work has been done prepping for the more visible work.



The last two weeks (June 11-21), work has been happening along the entire length of the roadway each day. This week on Waconia Parkway, there was:

- Erosion control set up, mostly out of sight of most drivers
- Concrete removal along Bayview Elementary
- Construction staking
- Getting equipment to the site for next week's utility work that is planned to start.

We also take safety of both the public and those doing the work very seriously. For the safety of both groups, the work being done mandates that the entire road be closed.

Next week, the plan includes:

- Utility installation, if the weather cooperates.
- The bulk of the initial work will be near Bayview, which won't be as noticeable to Lakeview Terrace and Waconia Landing residents who head west toward the detour. Some residents will have their water shut off, as the watermain will be replaced. Residents who will be impacted have received notice of a Monday morning shut off.
- Work prepping other portions of the project, like the stormwater elements, will also be taking place.

Why is the road closed for five months?

There is much more work planned in this area than just improving the road. We have to wait until mid to late July to start work on the culvert under the roadway due the fish habitat in that area.

Here is the current estimated timeframes necessary for each part of the project. As you can imagine, this is subject to change based on weather, scheduling conflicts, and unforeseen construction issues.

- 2 weeks Erosion control setup, traffic control setup, removals
- 10 weeks Utility construction (2 for sewer, 3 for water, 5 for storm)
- 3 weeks Box culvert replacement
- 7 weeks Street, curb, trail, and draitile construction (includes concrete cure time)
- 2 weeks Restoration of driveways, lawns, etc.
- 24 weeks Total

We typically wait until the next construction season to finalize the pavement work to allow for settling of the area. Our goal is to open the roadway as soon as possible. We typically finish some of the restoration work after the roadway is re-opened. We know it's a long time and are sensitive to getting it done well and as quickly as possible.

Why is there no traffic control at the intersection of Waconia Parkway and County Road 10?

We do have a stoplight coming. This will be a temporary stoplight, as the intersection doesn't meet warrants (MNDOT requirements) for it to remain permanently. The crews have been working quickly and we anticipate it being there on or before July 1 (we are working as quickly as we can to get it installed as soon as possible). We continue to work with our team of deputies to assist and monitor traffic control, but are not able to be out there every day all day.

What was happening with the gravel on County Road 10 this week?

As part of the County's work on County Road 10 last year, their contractor needed to come back and fix the pavement. Carver County had their contractor do this work on Tuesday. This work was not coordinated with the City. We knew they were planning to do this work this year, but were not told when. Had we known, we would have worked to manage it better.

We also want to make sure you know that their work is not done. They will need to come back to sweep the rock and stripe of the pavement. They have indicated they will let us know next week what their planned schedule is for this remaining work.

Why was County Road 92 closed last week? Why was it closed again this week, after it had been announced that it was reopened?

Carver County was resurfacing of the road and road repairs. We received notice from the County last Thursday that it had been reopened, so we passed that along to our residents via the City's Facebook page.

Our City Administrator saw the roadway closed on Wednesday afternoon. Upon investigation, we discovered they were striping the roadway. Again, we were not informed of their work schedule. Had we been, we would have shared what we knew with residents.

What's the best way to stay on top of the project work?

The City of Waconia tries to keep people informed of projects happening around the community through various communication methods:

- **Website:** www.waconia.org is a great resource to keep up to date on various projects happening throughout the Community. The homepage "Highlights" section provides information and a link to the current Waconia Parkway Infrastructure Improvement Project (www.waconia.org/2019project). This project page includes maps, weekly updates, and an overview of the entire project. The City puts shorter term projects on the News section of the homepage (just below the "Highlights" section). The Public Services page of the website also has information on projects happening around the community this summer: <http://waconia.org/430/Projects>.
- **Facebook Page:** The City uses their official Waconia City Government Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofwaconia/>) to keep the public informed of projects that are happening. Recent posts include information about the County Road 92 closure, The Waconia Parkway Infrastructure Improvement Project, and the Highway 10 Sealcoating Project. We do our best to keep our residents informed of County projects via the City's Facebook Page, as well.
- **Waconia Wavelength Newsletter:** Each month, the City sends out the Waconia Wavelength newsletter in the City's Utility Bills. If you receive your bill electronically, it is included in the email. The newsletter is also posted to the City's website at www.waconia.org/newsletter. The newsletter includes high-level updates on various projects going on and how you can learn more information.

How can I reach people about the various projects happening if I have questions or concerns?

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