

Construction Update: May 18, 2018

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2018 Road Rehabilitation



Belle Plaine Avenue north of Grand Avenue. The pavement has been milled away, and patching has been nearly completed.

Project Update

The roadway project is well underway with almost all the curb work and most spot patching work having been completed already. Pavement milling is underway and mainline patching is ongoing starting on the east side of town on Belle Plaine.

Leveling binder will be followed by the topcoat in the coming weeks as weather permits.

Project Description

The 2018 Roadway Rehabilitation Program is the replacement, resurfacing, or crack sealing of Village roads. The decision of which roads to rehabilitate is decided by the results of the pavement condition index (PCI) survey of roads and available funding for the Capital Improvement Fund. For 2018, \$2.46 million has been slated for road improvements.

Included in this contract will be resurfacing of Almond Road and an intersection improvement at Dada Drive. The Engineering Division is proceeding with the installation of a mini-roundabout at this intersection.

2018 Road Construction Maps

- [2018 Resurfacing Plan](#)
- [2018 Patching Map](#)
- [Resurfacing Map - Area 1 \(Almond\)](#)
- [Resurfacing Map - Area 2&3 \(Pembroke / Providence Oaks\)](#)
- [Resurfacing Map - Area 3 \(Pembroke / Pines / Deer Run / Lee\)](#)
- [Resurfacing Map - Area 4 \(Belle Plaine\)](#)

Grand Avenue / US-41 Temporary Closure - May 18th-21st

Project Update

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that they will be demolishing the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge now that the tracks have been switched to the temporary bridge. This demo project will require the complete shutdown of the Grand Avenue / US-41 intersection. The shutdown is scheduled for Friday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. with the plan that it would re-open Monday, May 21st at 5:00 a.m. for morning traffic.

Additionally, IDOT has announced that extended ramp closures will take place at Grand Avenue and Skokie US-41 beginning, weather permitting, Tuesday, May 29. The ramp closures are necessary to allow for the widening of Grand Avenue and related ramp improvements, part of the ongoing project on Grand Avenue between Estes Street and Magnolia Avenue. Starting May 29, the ramp from Grand Avenue to northbound Skokie Highway will be closed, as well as the ramp southbound Skokie Highway to Grand Avenue. A posted detour will direct traffic to use N. Riverside Drive (Illinois 21).

Grand Avenue Resurfacing

Project Update

IDOT let a project to resurface IL Route 132 from US Highway 45 to the I-94 Tollway this summer. The contract appears to require that all work be completed at night and staff will be monitoring the award and timelines closely.

Project Description

The Village received notice from IDOT that they are planning to resurface Grand Avenue from US 45 to the Tollway this year. The project is subject to funding approval. The fiscal year for Illinois starts July 1st and the execution of this project is not assured. Staff is coordinating work effort with the IDOT Resident Engineer and our focus will be on the median repairs while IDOT will focus their limited funding on outside curb and gutter. This synergistic interaction of these two project will result in significant improvements to this important commercial corridor.

Plans for the project can be found on the [IDOT website](#).

Highland Avenue Water and Sewer Installation Project

Project Update

Both utilities have been placed in service. Restoration of the parkways and roadway will occur as soon as weather permits.

Project Description

This project entails installing new water and sewer mains on Highland Avenue between Northwestern Avenue and Belle Plaine Avenue where no service currently exists. Residents of this area rely on well water and septic systems currently, and will have the opportunity to connect to the new mains once the installation is complete.

Knowles Road Path

Project Update

All work and restoration has been completed. Touch up work after the May 14th rainfall will likely be required.

Project Description

The Knowles Road path was identified by the Blue Ribbon Commission as one of the top priorities for improving biking and walking in Gurnee. Once complete, the path will connect to the intersection of Dada Drive / US-45. From there, the Lake County Forest Preserve District is expanding the Millennium Trail connection down to Sunset Avenue. This will allow residents to access the vast Rollins Savanna trail system from the ComEd trail. You can learn more about the proposal and see maps of the proposed improvements by viewing the Blue Ribbon Commission [recommendations](#).

Knowles Road Water Tower

Project Update

The tower and pump station have been advertised for bidding. A pre-bid meeting for the tower was held and the opening will occur on June 7th.

Project Description

The Village of Gurnee is currently in the process of building a two million gallon water tower at the corner of Knowles Road and Rollins Road. This tower is a multi-year project that will result in better water pressure reliability for residents west of I-

94. To answer questions about the water tower, we have put together an [FAQ for residents to learn more about the project](#).

***NEW* Fiber Connection, Village Hall to Fire House #1**

Project Update

The contractor is expected to complete installation of the conduit this week to be followed by the installation of the fiber optic cable.

Project Description

The scope of this project is to connect these Village facilities with a fiber optic communications cable for data and communication services between Village facilities including Police, Village Hall, Fire #1, and Public Works. Warren Township High School is allowing the Village access in exchange for the design, permitting, coordination, and construction observation of the fiber. Warren will be able to communicate between the press box and the school and potentially live stream sporting events.