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# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



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June 30, 2023

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 25:  
Oronoco Wastewater Treatment, Sewer Collection System & Water Distribution Project**

**Review of recent construction:**

Over the last few weeks, Oronoco's contractor (Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking) has been making steady progress. During this time, the contractor has:

- Completed installation of sanitary sewer structures, sewer main, service piping, and culverts along Center Street East.
- Completed installation of forcemain, service piping, and culverts on 3rd Street SW and 2nd Avenue SW.
- Reconstructed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE and 1<sup>st</sup> Place SW roadways through aggregate base.
- Completed the Timberline Drive SW watermain crossing of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.
- Completed miscellaneous utility tests, manhole casting adjustments & valve box adjustments.
- Worked in multiple areas spreading topsoil, fine grading ditches and boulevards and hydroseeding and mulching areas to reestablish turf disturbed by construction.

**Work planned over the next two weeks and associated traffic, roadway access, and service impacts are summarized below.** Note: The tentative work schedule provided by the contractor is subject to weather conditions and construction progress and may change without notice. See attached figure for additional information about where work is tentatively planned over the next two weeks.

1. Utility Constructions crews from Fitzgerald Excavating will be installing sanitary sewer forcemain and gravity sewer piping across Minnesota Avenue South at 2nd Street South, 3rd Street South, 5<sup>th</sup> Street South and 6<sup>th</sup> Street South (150-foot north Oronoco Self Storage driveway). The utility crossings and the subsequent roadway reconstruction and bituminous repaving near these four intersections will require **Minnesota Avenue South to be closed from July 5 to approximately July 19 to through traffic**. The contractor plans to stagger construction of the utility crossings and will facilitate local resident traffic access via 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE and 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Detour signage will be erected to direct through traffic around the Minnesota Avenue S closure via the Lake Shady Avenue (West Frontage Road) and the use of the 100<sup>th</sup> Street / TH 52 bridge and the 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW / TH 52 overpass bridge.
2. A utility crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing sanitary sewer main along 1st Avenue NE. Sanitary sewer construction will be slow as the sewer is very deep in this area. Access to 1st Avenue NE will be restricted between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Monday through Saturday) and access adjacent to trenching operations may not be possible. Please plan to park vehicles at a location out of the construction area if you need to leave home during working hours or as communicated by the contractor. The contractor will maintain access to roadway and driveways outside of construction hours and all day on Sunday when feasible.
3. Fitzgerald Excavating will begin installation of gravity sewer main and watermain under 5th Street SW. Construction will begin after the Minnesota Avenue S / 5<sup>th</sup> Street S sanitary sewer pipe crossing is complete and then work will progress from east to west. Access to 5th Street SW will be restricted between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Monday through Saturday). Please plan to park vehicles at a location out of the construction area if you need to leave home during working hours or as communicated by the contractor. The contractor will maintain access to roadway and driveways outside of construction hours and all day on Sunday when feasible.
4. Fitzgerald Excavating will begin installation of gravity sewer main along 1st Street NE between 1/2 Avenue NE and 1st Avenue NE. This will be followed by installation of gravity sewer main along 1/2 Avenue NE between East Center Street and 2nd Street NE. Please plan to park vehicles at a location out of the construction area if you need to leave home during working hours or as communicated by the contractor. The contractor will maintain access to roadway and driveways outside of construction hours and all day on Sunday when feasible.

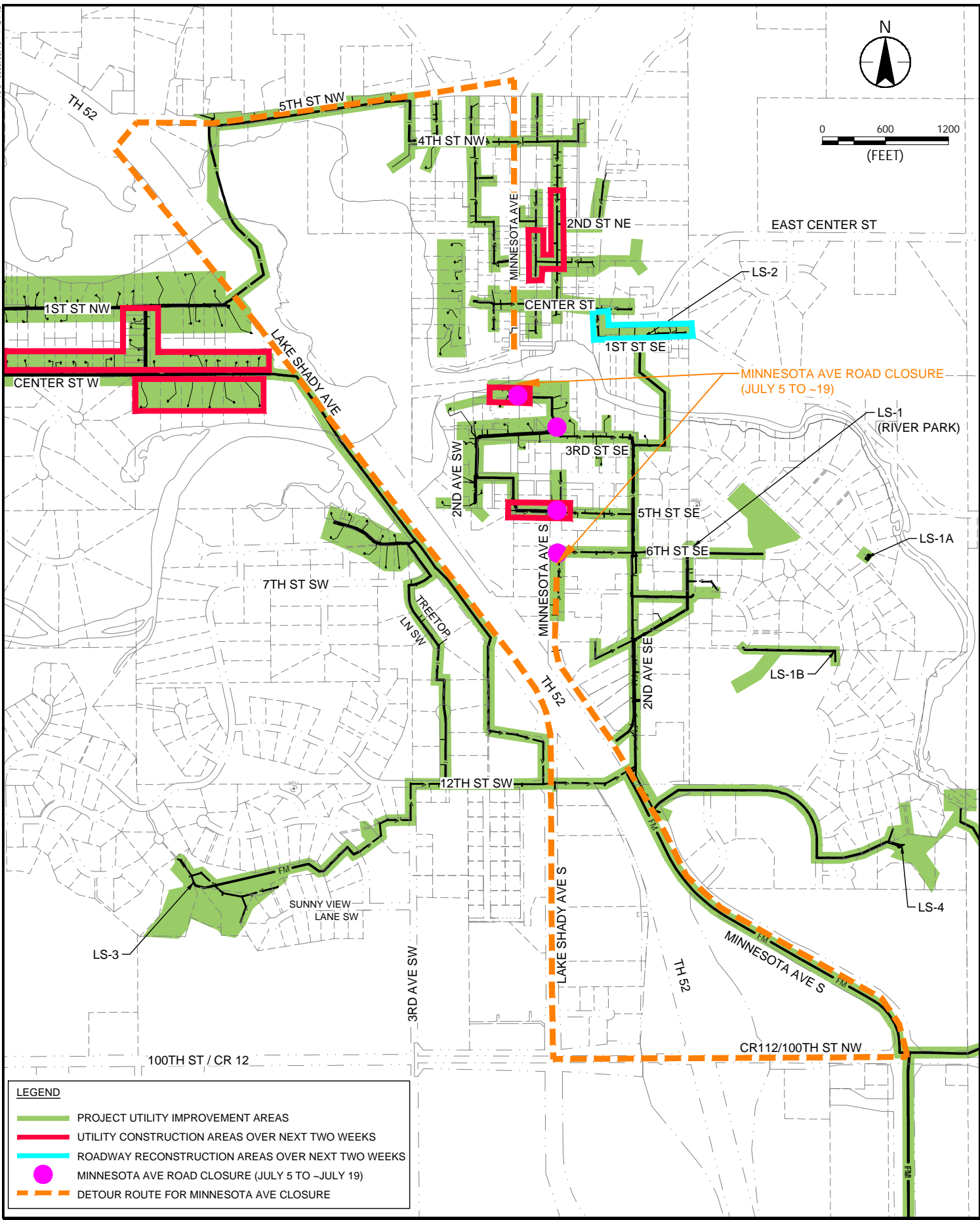
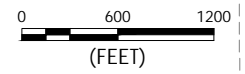
5. Fitzgerald Excavating plans to reconstruct 1st Street SE and 2nd Avenue SE through aggregate base. Roadway reconstruction through aggregate base is expected to take 3-4 days in this area. Access to through traffic will be maintained via temporary road through the reconstruction zone. Be prepared for delays and follow the contractor traffic control and flagger directions. Access to adjacent driveways will also be limited during working hours. The contractor will coordinate driveway access for adjacent residents when feasible.
6. Ellingson Drainage construction crews will begin working on private property installing grinder stations and forcemain piping starting July 10th. The contractor's work will commence on West Center Street and will eventually extend to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and then 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW. All grinder station locations have been staked and Stantec staff have met with most property owners regarding the location of the proposed grinder station and forcemain piping routes. If you have questions or concerns about your grinder station location or forcemain route, please call Jeff Barton at (507) 421-5320 to arrange a meeting time. Please note that wastewater service is tentatively planned to begin in October 2023. The contractor's work at this time will focus on the installation of the grinder pump structures and forcemain piping. The contractor will not impact your existing septic system at this time. After wastewater service is available in ~October, the contractor will return to complete the grinder station installation, make sewer connections to each home, complete exterior electrical work, pump and abandon existing septic tanks, and restore all disturbed turf.
7. A crew from Empire Pipe Services will continue to clean and televising existing sanitary sewer mains within the River Park, Cedar Woodlands, Riverwood Hills and Oronoco Crossings Subdivisions. Minimal traffic impacts are expected.
8. Mail Service, Garbage Service and UPS / FedEx deliveries within areas impacted directly by construction.
  - Mailboxes on 1st Place SW are temporarily out of service. A bank of temporary mailboxes for these residents is located on 7th Street SW near the 1st Place SW intersection.
  - Existing mailboxes on 3rd Street SE are temporarily out of service. A bank of temporary mailboxes for these residents is located on 2nd Avenue SE near 3rd Street SE.
  - Existing mailboxes along 1st Street SE have been moved to a temporary mailbox bank just west of the Garden Park driveway.
  - Deliveries from UPS / Fed Ex to properties adjacent to the construction zone cannot be guaranteed as access to the roadway will frequently be limited. Please make other arrangements for deliveries or schedule to pick up packages directly from the carrier.
  - Garbage Service on 1st Avenue NE, 5th Street SW, 1/2 Avenue NE, and 2nd Street SW will be facilitated by the contractor. Please put your garbage out as normal and the contractor will work with the garbage collectors and see that service is provided.

The City and construction team recognizes this project will temporarily impact and inconvenience many residents during the construction of the critically important sewer and water improvements. Construction traffic, access constraints & delays, use of alternate routes, dust, and muddy streets are all unfortunate realities associated with this type of construction. The City of Oronoco and its Contractors sincerely appreciate resident cooperation and your patience as we work together to complete this project.

Resident construction status updates will be posted on the City's website, emailed directly to residents who have provided their email address to the City, and printed for pickup at temporary mailbox stands located in construction areas. **To facilitate enhanced dissemination of the update to residents, we ask that residents sign up for email updates by sending an email to [Oronococonstruction@gmail.com](mailto:Oronococonstruction@gmail.com).** In addition to this update, the City has prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that addresses common resident construction related questions and is also available on the City's website. Questions about the contents of the construction status update or about the project in general can be directed to the City's Engineer Joe Palen at either (507) 529-6036 or [joseph.palen@stantec.com](mailto:joseph.palen@stantec.com).

Questions or concerns about construction activities, driveway or roadway access, service interruptions or safety can be directed to Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking Staff: Project Foreman Luke Safranski (507) 676-3062, or Joe Fogarty (507) 517-8512.

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