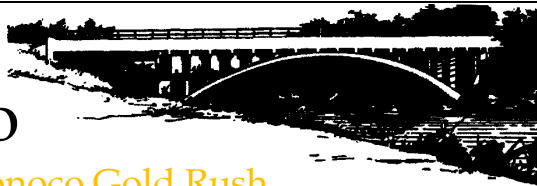


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# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



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August 4, 2023

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 28:  
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 on the project. During this time, the contractor has:

- Completed installation of sanitary sewer structures, main, service piping, and culverts along 4th Street NE, 1st Avenue NE, 1/2 Avenue NE, 2nd Street NE, and Center Street E.
- Completed installation of sanitary sewer main and watermain piping along 5th Street SW.
- Continued installing grinder stations and directionally drilling forcemain piping within private property along West Center Street, 9th Ave NW, 1st Street SW, and 1st Place SW.
- Miscellaneous structure advancements, sewer / watermain pipe testing, and cleaning & video inspection of new and existing sewer mains.

**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. A utility crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing sanitary sewer piping along 4th Street NE and 4th Street NW. A road closure is scheduled for **Monday, August 7th** in order for the utility crew to install gravity sanitary sewer piping across Minnesota Avenue N. The Minnesota Avenue N closure at 4th Street is to be in effect through Wednesday, August 9th. See the attached figure for an alternate access route.  
Access to 4th Street 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.
2. Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installation of gravity sewer and water service piping along 5th Street SW and then will construct a watermain from 5th Street SW to 2nd Avenue SW. 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.
3. Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installation of gravity sewer main and service piping along 1/2 Avenue SE south of Center Street East, and then will continuing installation of sanitary sewer along Center Street East to Minnesota Avenue. Access to 1/2 Avenue SE will be restricted during construction and the contractor will coordinate the work with adjacent property owners. Construction of sanitary sewer main under Center Street East will require residents to detour around the construction via 1st Street NE and 1st Avenue NE.
4. A crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will begin installing gravity sanitary sewer main along the south bound shoulder of Minnesota Avenue South, south of 2nd Avenue SE. Traffic control will be installed to temporarily shift both lanes of traffic away from construction and will allow traffic to continue to flow in both directions on Minnesota Avenue. The sanitary sewer main installation will eventually cross Cedar Point Road SE and will require a 2 to 3 day closure of Cedar Point Road SE. During this closure, access to Cedar Point Road SE will temporarily be diverted to Cedar Center Avenue SE.

5. A crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will install sanitary sewer main and structures along the east side of Minnesota Avenue North, north of 2nd Street NE. Minimal traffic impacts are anticipated with this work.
6. Fitzgerald Excavating plans to reconstruct 1st Street SE and 2nd Avenue SE through aggregate base towards the middle of August. Roadway reconstruction through aggregate base typically takes 3-4 days per street.
7. Ellingson Drainage will continue working on private property installing grinder stations and forcemain piping. In addition, Ellingson's electrician will begin installation of exterior electrical components needed power the grinder stations. The contractor's work will continue on West Center Street, 9th Avenue NW, 1st Street NW, 1st Place SW and 7th Street SW.  
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 November 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 November, 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.
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, 1/2 Avenue NE, 4th Street NE, and 5th 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.
9. The contractor will continue fine grading activities and preparations for turf establishment within ditches and boulevards impacted by past utility construction. Minimal impact to local traffic is expected.
10. Continued material deliveries to construction work areas will periodically occur. Expect truck traffic and periodic delays as materials are unloaded.
11. No construction is planned in Downtown Oronoco during the Gold Rush Event. The contractor will suspend construction in areas impacted by Gold Rush before the event begins to clean up the site and facilitate event activities.

The City of Oronoco is requesting that residents mow and if possible, water boulevard areas that were seeded by Fitzgerald Excavating in May and June. Mowing is necessary to control weeds and allow the grass to germinate and grow. Mowing should be complete at a 3 to 4-inch height. Watering is not required, but will facilitate faster, more robust turf establishment. Areas that do not become established will be reseeded by the contractor this fall. Please partner with the City and Contractor to reestablish turf on and adjacent to your property.

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).

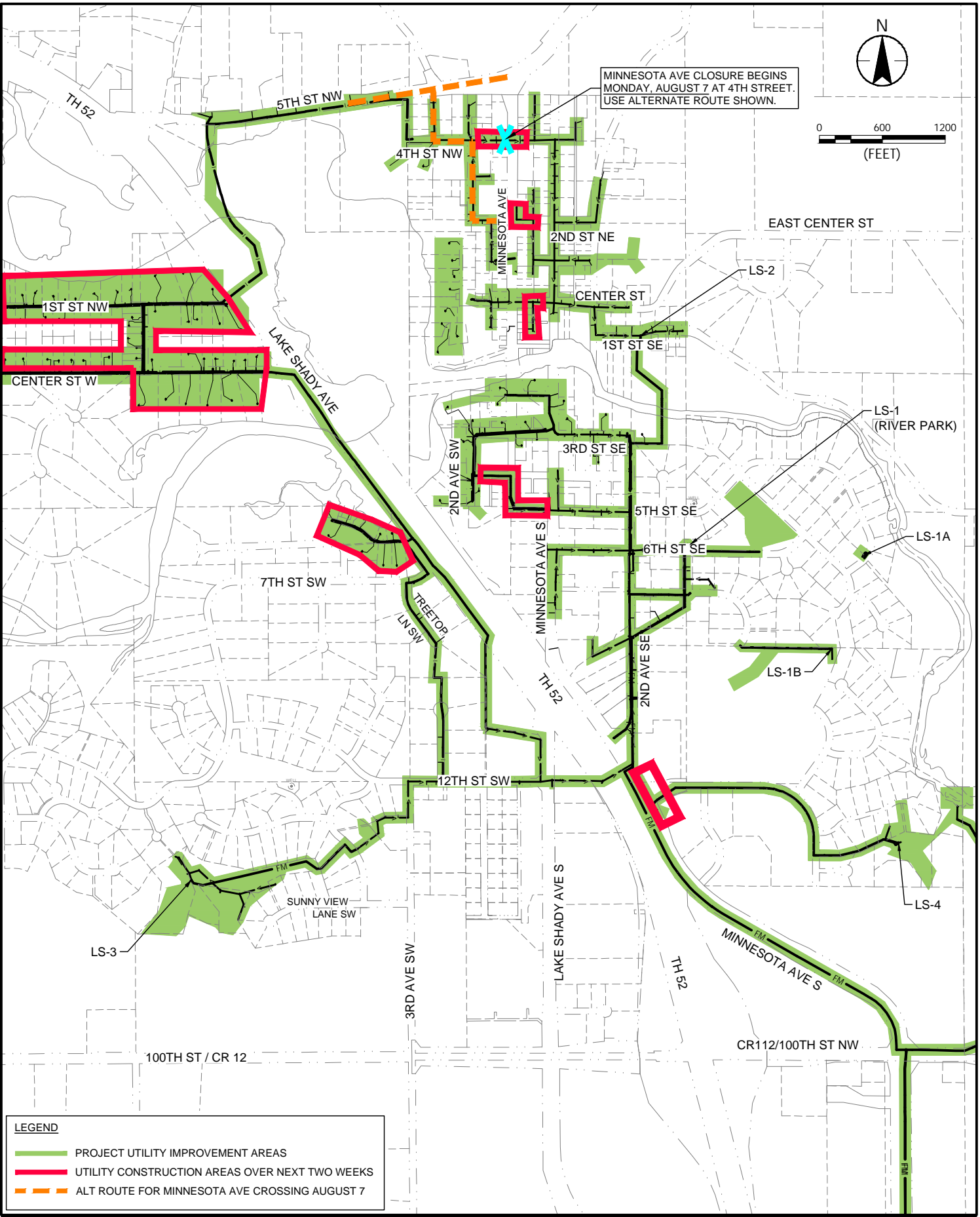
Questions or concerns about construction activities, driveway or roadway access, service interruptions or safety can be directed to Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking Staff: Project Foremen Luke Safranski (507) 676-3062 or Joe Fogarty (507) 517-8512.

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