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# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



August 17, 2023

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 29:  
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:

- Continued installation of sanitary sewer structures, main, service piping, and culverts along 4th Street NE, 4th Street NW, 2nd Avenue NW, Center Street East, and 1/2 Avenue SE.
- Installed sanitary sewer and water service piping on 5th Street SW.
- Continued installing grinder stations and directionally drilling low-pressure service piping within private property along West Center Street, 9th Ave NW, 1st Street NW, and 1st Place SW.
- Completed miscellaneous manhole casting & valve box adjustments and testing on various segments of sewer pipe.

**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. No construction is planned in Downtown Oronoco during the Gold Rush event.
2. A utility crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing sanitary sewer piping along Center Street East and Center Street West. **A road closure of Minnesota Avenue North at Center Street is scheduled for Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The Minnesota Avenue road closure is required for the installation of sanitary sewer piping across Minnesota Avenue N. Minnesota Avenue North is tentatively scheduled to be reopened to thru traffic on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. See the attached figure for an alternate access route.
3. A crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing gravity sanitary sewer main and structures on 2nd Avenue NW, followed by sewer service piping. Access to 2nd Avenue NW 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.
4. A utility crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing sanitary sewer service piping along 4th Street NE and 4th Street NW. The contractor is planning to complete installation of the remaining sanitary sewer services next week. Access to 4th Street may be restricted between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Monday through Saturday) and access adjacent to trenching operations may not be possible. The contractor will maintain access to roadway and driveways outside of construction hours and all day on Sunday when feasible.
5. A utility crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will begin installing gravity sanitary sewer piping along 1st Avenue NW and 2nd Avenue NW between 4th Street NW and 1st Street NW. Access to 1st and 2nd Avenue NW will be restricted at times 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.

6. Fitzgerald Excavating will continue installing sanitary sewer main and structures along the east (northbound) shoulder of Minnesota Avenue South, near Cedar Point Road SE. Cedar Point Road SE will be briefly closed to thru traffic at Minnesota Avenue through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please use Cedar Center Avenue SE for access during the Cedar Point Road SE closure at Minnesota Avenue South.
7. Fitzgerald Excavating plans to reconstruct 1st Street SE, 2nd Avenue SE, and 5th Street SW through aggregate base. Roadway reconstruction through aggregate base typically takes 3-4 days per street. The contractor will coordinate access with adjacent impacted residents. Please note access during the street reconstruction process may be restricted at times 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.
8. Ellingson Drainage crews have temporarily suspended work on private property grinder stations and forcemain piping. However, Ellingson's electrician will continue installation of exterior electrical components needed to power the grinder stations on West Center Street, 9th Avenue NW, 1st Street NW, and 1st Place SW. Note: 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.
9. 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 adjacent to construction activities 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.
10. 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.
11. Continued material deliveries to construction work areas will periodically occur. Expect truck traffic and periodic delays as materials are unloaded.

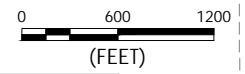
The City of Oronoco is requesting that residents mow and, if possible, water boulevard areas that were seeded by Fitzgerald Excavating in May and June. Mowing is necessary to control weeds and allow the grass a chance to germinate and grow. Mowing should be complete at a 3 to 4-inch height. Watering 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.

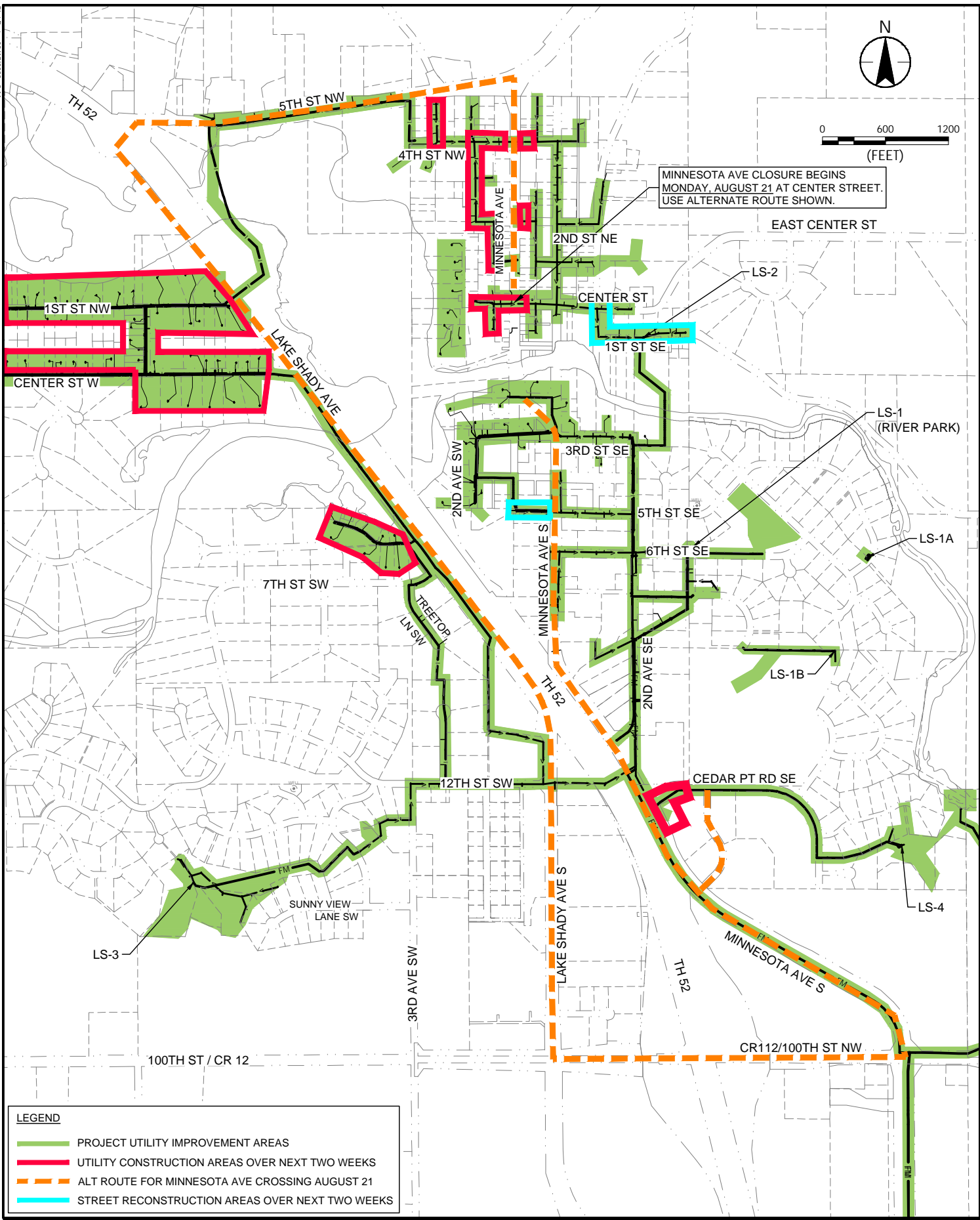
Resident construction status updates will be posted on the City's website, emailed directly to residents who have provided their email address to the City, and printed for pickup at temporary mailbox stands located in construction areas. To facilitate enhanced dissemination of the update to residents, 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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MINNESOTA AVE CLOSURE BEGINS  
 MONDAY, AUGUST 21 AT CENTER STREET.  
 USE ALTERNATE ROUTE SHOWN.



**LEGEND**

- PROJECT UTILITY IMPROVEMENT AREAS
- UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AREAS OVER NEXT TWO WEEKS
- ALT ROUTE FOR MINNESOTA AVE CROSSING AUGUST 21
- STREET RECONSTRUCTION AREAS OVER NEXT TWO WEEKS

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 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM & WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS



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