
City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



October 31, 2023

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 33:
Oronoco Wastewater Treatment, Sewer Collection System & Water Distribution Project**

Schedule for Oronoco Wastewater System Startup:

Construction of Oronoco's wastewater system has been impacted by delays in the manufacture and delivery of critical electrical components required to complete construction including machine control center (MCC) equipment, electrical switch gear, and lift station control panels. As a result, the Oronoco municipal wastewater system cannot begin operation until these components are delivered, installed and commissioned. Recently, the MCC equipment was delivered and is being installed but we continue to wait for the lift station control panels to be delivered. As a result, we are still uncertain if the wastewater system will begin operation in mid-December of 2023 or if the startup of the wastewater system will be delayed until late March 2024. A decision on when the wastewater system start up will occur will be made in November.

Note: No gravity sewer or low pressure sewer connections to the wastewater system can be completed until the wastewater system is fully operational. We will continue to provide updates to all stakeholders as additional scheduling information becomes available.

Review of recent construction:

Over the last few weeks, Oronoco's contractor (Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking) has made significant progress towards completion of the project. Work completed over the past few weeks includes:

- Completed installation of sanitary sewer structures and service piping in the rear lot area north of 4th Street NE and east of 1st Ave NE.
- Completed fine grading and seeding activities in various areas disturbed by utility construction.
- Horizontal directionally drilled and installed water services on 5th Street NW and Minnesota Avenue South.
- Continued installing low-pressure sewer service forcemain piping between the shut off valve at the property line and the grinder station for residents along Center Street West that were not previously installed via directional drilling due to the presence of rock.
- Completed fine grading and planted trees and shrubs at lift station sites.
- Paved base course on streets: 5th Street SW, 1st Place SW, 1st Street SE, 2nd Avenue SE, Center Street East, 1st Ave NE, 1/2 Ave NE, 1st Street NE, 2nd Street NE, 4th Street NE, 4th Street NW, 1st Avenue NW, 2nd Avenue NW, 2nd Street NW, Center Street West.
- Note: All sanitary sewer main and watermain under roadways has been installed.
- Note: All roadways disturbed by construction have been reconstructed through non-wear course.

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 crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will continue working to install sanitary sewer service forcemain pipe between the shut off valve at the property line and the grinder station for residents along Center Street West and 1st Street NW that were not previously installed via directional drilling due to the presence of rock.
2. A crew from Fitzgerald Excavating will work to complete site grading, driveway construction, electrical / mechanical construction, and turf restoration at each municipal lift station site.
3. Ellingson Drainage will mobilize back to the project to complete installation of the sanitary sewer forcemain piping from the grinder station to the shut off valve at the property line for residents located

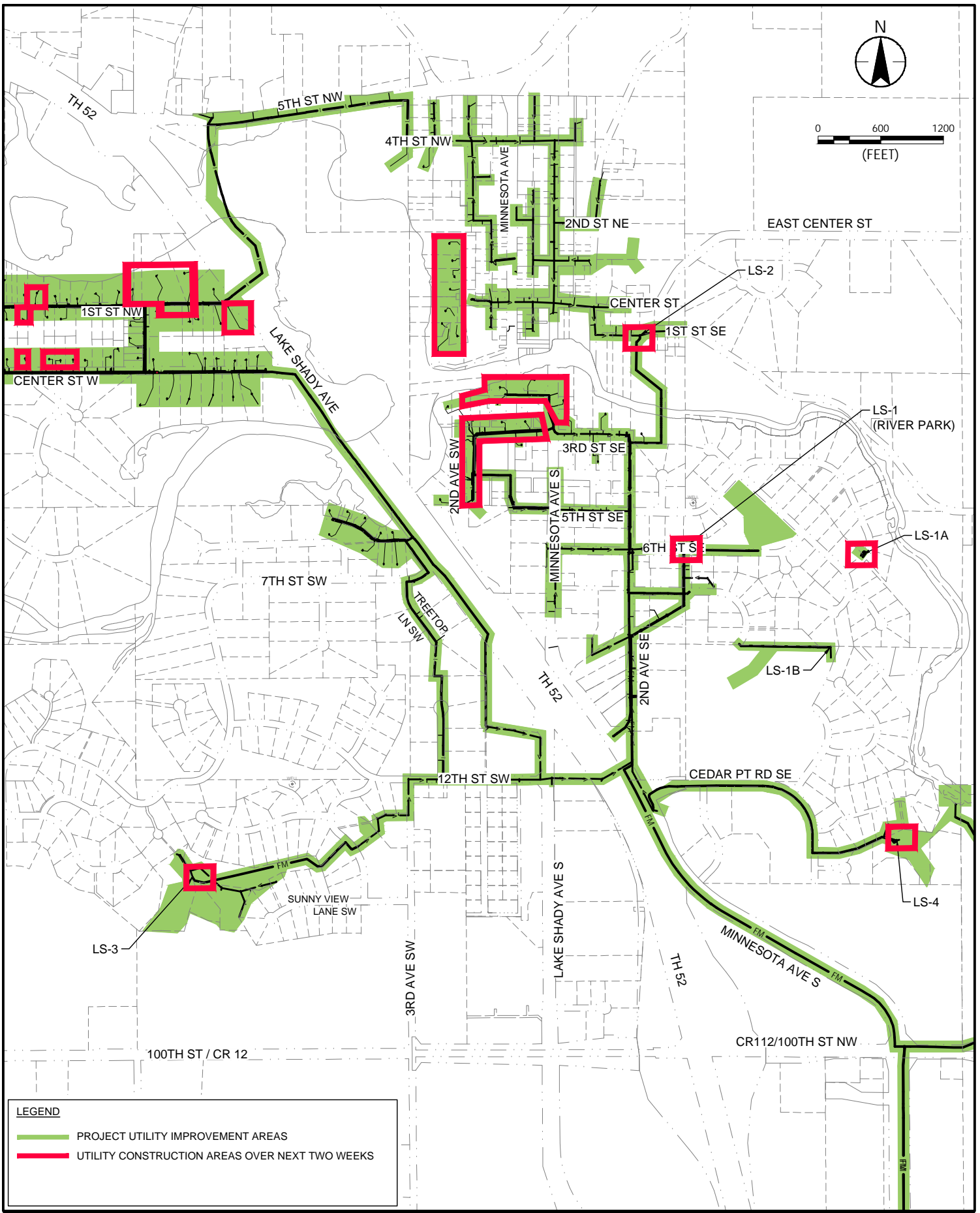
east of TH 52 and that are intended to be served by the low pressure sanitary sewer system. Note: directional drilled installation of the sewer forcemain pipe may not be possible in locations where rock is present. Sewer forcemain service installation in areas where rock is present will be completed by Fitzgerald Excavating via open trench installation.

4. 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.
 - 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.
5. The contractor will continue fine grading activities and preparations for turf establishment within ditches and boulevards impacted by utility construction. This also includes installing gravel or topsoil shoulders, reinstalling mailboxes, and reinstalling signs. Minimal impact to local traffic is expected.
6. The contractor will continue reconstruction of gravel pathways and alleys impacted by construction. Minimal impact to local traffic is expected.
7. Continued material deliveries to construction work areas will periodically occur. Expect truck traffic and periodic delays as materials are unloaded.

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. 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.

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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