

WISCONSIN RAPIDS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CITY STREET PROJECT UPDATES
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Retaining wall construction on 1st St.

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1. 1st Street N (Poplar St - City Limits) Project

This week city crews concentrated on the 320' retaining wall at the north end of the project. The wall is being constructed ½ at a time beginning with a concrete footing. Some of the 2'x4' blocks needed to be cut to allow drainage pipes to pass through like the 12" storm sewer pipe shown above. The final blocks for the wall are expected to be erected upon completion of the shoreline rip-rap and grading for the recreational trail. 1st Street from Strawberry Lane North to the city limits will remain closed until this work is done. Current Technologies, Inc. was also on site this week installing the control panel for the new sanitary lift station on the corner of Shorewood Terrace.

2. 8th Street & East Grand Avenue Project

A majority of the work on this project is complete and the intersection opened to traffic on Wednesday.

3. Washington St (8th St - 12th St) Project

KS Energies will begin installing new gas main and gas valves on Washington Street beginning Monday. Residents were mailed notifications. Most work will be within the street right-of-way although bore pits and some sidewalk removal will be necessary to construct the new line and services to homes. Reconstruction of the street will begin after the grading is complete on 1st Street.

Looking Ahead for Next Week: 8/14/2017 – 8/18/2017

Crews will complete all but the final row of blocks on the retaining wall. Portions of the recreational trail will also be graded and graveled. Crews will also continue to complete lawn restoration work along the project. Sommers Construction is scheduled to return to 1st Street for the remaining curb and driveways the week of August 21st.

Impact to Residents: Local traffic will have access to Strawberry Lane via 1st St N from Pleasant View Drive to the south. Traffic heading north to Biron will be detoured on Spring Street to Hwy 54. Traffic heading south to Wisconsin Rapids will be detoured onto 32nd Street N to Hwy 54.

Washington Street will remain open as the gas line work proceeds although residents should be aware of construction equipment and activities. A small portion of the road surface at the intersection of 9th Street will be removed for utility trenching resulting in temporary lane closures as well.