

Williamsville Picture Main Street And Highway Paving NY Route 5

Scheduled work for the week 9/10 through 9/14

The Main Street construction project continues. Normal work hours this week are Tuesday through Friday 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM

Businesses and residents on Main Street between Union Road and Hirschfield Drive / Farber Lane please take note: To minimize traffic congestion during the construction project, Modern Disposal will collect your garbage on your regular days; Wednesdays on the north side of Main Street and Thursdays on the south side of Main Street, **by 6:30 AM**. The Village requests that place your garbage at the curb for pick up the evening before.

Daytime Work

Phase 2 (north side) – Mill Street to Reist Street

The main sidewalk is complete as well as the snow storage areas and behind the sidewalk. The areas that remain will receive the reclaimed bricks. The workers that are performing this operation were needed on the night shift and will return to placing the bricks as soon as possible.

Phase 3 (south side) – Fire hall to the Bridge over Ellicott creek

Complete the installation of the sidewalks and driveway approach to The Irishman Restaurant.

Phase 4 (South Side) Ellicott Creek to Garrison

The small drainage units arrived last Friday and were installed alongside the sidewalk area near the Creek View Restaurant. The concrete subcontractor will continue to grade the stone, place the forms and pour the main sidewalk up to Oakgrove Drive including the driveway approaches to the Ed Young Plaza. Access will be restricted to two driveways.

The main driveway entrance to Ed Young's Plaza was poured today. A high early strength concrete was used. The driveway will be opened on Monday to traffic. Please use the other two driveways in the interim.

Work continues on the new ADA compliant curb ramps at the intersection of Garrison Rd / Evans Street. The new curbs have been installed. The sidewalk ramps at this intersection are scheduled to be installed Monday or Tuesday. Weather for Monday calls for rain, that is not conducive to concrete placement.

Road Work

Motorists should be aware that beginning Monday, Verizon

will set up an eastbound right lane closure after 9:00 AM, from I-290, to begin setting their manhole frames and covers to grade. Due to the nature of the work, the right lane will remain closed, around the clock, until the work is complete. The prime contractor will also be working in this closure performing similar activities at night. The manhole frames will be set in concrete which will require time to cure (harden). To place traffic on them will cause damage and require them to be reset.

Also on Monday, a right lane closure will be implemented on westbound Main Street from the high school and will proceed towards I-290 to set manhole frames and covers to grade similar to the operation noted above. National Grid will also be rebuilding a chamber in the right lane across from the library. This closure will also remain around the clock until the work is complete.



The concrete sidewalks have been installed on most of the pedestrian crossing improvements on both sides at Lafayette and South Forest and Union. The plan is to complete the remaining ramps.

We received an anticipated “first week of October” delivery for the HAWK Signal poles. The manufacturer of the signal poles has stated that they are behind schedule. We are waiting on a confirmation date from the subcontractor that will be installing the power feed for the signal.

Night Work

The production milling of Main Street has gone well. There have been some unfortunate incidences where the milling machines have encountered unknown manholes and watermain valve boxes that were buried under the asphalt. These unknown obstacles have caused damage to the equipment. The contractor has a great crew that worked well under the nighttime field conditions to repair the machinery and get the production back up and running.

The milling of the main line should be completed by the end of the shift on Saturday morning. On Monday, the contractor will begin milling the intersecting side roads.

The electricians will continue with the installation of the signal detection loops.

Fun Fact

“Loops” are wires that get imbedded into the road surface

prior to paving the top course of asphalt and are run through a series of conduits to the signal controller cabinet. As a vehicle moves over the top of the loop, it is detected by disturbing the magnetic field of that loop. This sets the computer in the controller cabinet in motion to change the signal.



Safety Notes



There will be an abundance of dump trucks, front end loaders, power brooms, utility trucks and contractor employees at multiple locations throughout the project. Working at night compounds the hazards of

daytime work. There are portable light towers staged along the project, flashing lights on all the trucks and equipment and employees wearing reflective vests and hard hats. This can sometimes be confusing to motorists attempting to navigate the work zone. If you must travel through the work zone, please proceed slowly and pay extra close attention to your surroundings. There will be flag people on site to assist with traffic control and the NYS police will be staged in the work zone to provide an additional level of enforcement.

It is strongly recommended that travelers utilize alternate routes during this time.

As you approach the lane closures, plan far enough in advance to merge from the closing lane to the open lane. Waiting to the last moment causes heated tempers and may force you into the coned off area. The flashing arrow boards are visible many blocks in advance of the work zone.

Note: A flagger has the same power as a police officer controlling traffic. They have been trained and are aware of the construction equipment, traffic attempting to enter from side streets and driveways and the flow of traffic on the mainline. Please give them the opportunity to properly perform their duties. Yelling at them out your window and honking the horn at them will not deter them from doing their job in a safe and workman like manor. Concentration

on their part is paramount.

Temporary “No Parking” signs will be placed the evening before. Please obey the no parking areas so not to delay the contractor’s operations and to avoid being issued a ticket and being towed.

In the areas where we will be working, sidewalk closed signs will be placed to detour pedestrian traffic to the opposite side of the street. These pedestrian detours are set for your safety. It is understood business patrons need access to the local businesses, please be patient and one of the contractor’s employees will assist you through the area when it is safe. At the conclusion of the excavation operation, the contractor will place a compacted stone in the sidewalk areas to make it easily traversable. Please remember this is a construction site and caution will need to be used in these areas.

Electronic variable message boards are in place on Main, Union and the I-290 exit to inform travelers of the situations that they will encounter and will be adjusted as construction activities change.

Upcoming Work

Following the milling, loop installation and setting of

manholes, the contractor will begin to place the new asphalt pavement on Main Street. An operation referred to as a test strip has been postponed until the week of 9/17. The test strip will start at Farber and proceed west approximately 1500 feet. The right and left lanes will be paved as well as the westbound ½ of the turning lane.

Production paving will start after the completion of the test strip. It is expected to take three nights to pave the mainline. Parking will be restricted in these areas. Signs will be posted with the time restrictions on them. After completion of mainline, intersecting streets will be done.

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