

Williamsville Picture Main Street
And Highway Paving NY Route 5

Scheduled work for the week 10/8 through 10/12

The Main Street construction project continues. Normal work hours this coming week are
Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
There will **NOT** be a crew in on Saturday this week.

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

Paving for Main Street mainline along with all of the signalized intersections has been completed.

Main Street Eastbound - Upon completion of project operations on Friday 10/5 side street from California Drive to Highland on the South Side of Main Street will be paved. The I-290 Exit Ramp onto Main Street Eastbound has also been paved. **This will open the lanes full width on Main Street East Bound from California to the Eastern project limits at Highland Street.**

Main Street Westbound – Upon completion of project operations Friday 10/5 side street from Farber to Mill Street will be paved. Additionally, side streets from North Long to the I-290 have been paved. **This will open the lanes full width from the Eastern project limits at Farber Lane to Mill Street, also from N. Long to the I-290. Please be advised that the single lane restrictions will stay in place from Mill Street to North Long Street.**

The parking restrictions have been lifted on Main Street. After the completion of each day of paving, the road striping subcontractor will be on site to place interim paint stripes on the new surface. There will be a lot of activity on the street to lay out the new stripes in the proper locations. Please be patient. It is imperative that the striping pattern be placed accurately.

Unforeseen Issue

On Wednesday, 9/26, as we were paving the main line eastbound, a watermain ruptured between Oakgrove and S. Ellicott, causing the pavement to heave. The water ran across to the

westbound side of the road. Water serves as a bond breaker between the new asphalt and the existing surface. The contractor stopped the westbound paving operation and restarted where the pavement was dry. That is why there is a portion of the westbound side that had been skipped. The section of pavement on the eastbound side that was damaged was removed and repaved. **Additionally the force of the water caused damage to the underlying pavement. A portion of the existing pavement section had to be repaired full depth. This work is complete.**

Sidewalks

The main sidewalk is complete as well as the snow storage areas and behind the sidewalk. The concrete subcontractor is nearing completion and will be pouring concrete this week at the remaining locations to complete the various, curb ramps, exposed aggregate and color concrete that remain. Other areas will receive the reclaimed bricks. The crews placing the reclaimed bricks have been working this past week and will continue to place the brick into next week.

Over the next few weeks benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles will be installed. The workers will need to gain access to the snow storage adjacent to the sidewalk. Please use caution while walking around these operations.

Road Work

Motorists should be aware that a vast majority of the long term lane closures will have been removed, in both directions. The “No Parking” signs have been **REMOVED on Main Street**. Once main street is open full width there will be isolated areas that will have restrictions, but only to complete the remaining work behind the curb. Where temporary “No Parking” signs are in place, please obey these areas so not to delay the contractor’s operations and to avoid being issued a ticket and being towed. The parking restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible. Please be patient.

The signal loop detectors have been installed on Main Street and the adjoining side streets. The electricians will continue with the installation of the wires to get the new loop detectors and pedestrian crossing features operational.

The anticipated “first week of October” delivery for the HAWK Signal poles has been delayed. The manufacturer of the signal poles has stated that they are behind schedule. The subcontractor that installed the power feed for the signal completed their work on Monday 10/1.

Next week and the following week there will be sporadic lane closures for the cleaning of the close drainage structures. The existing drainage system needs to be cleaned to ensure that the road will not hold water. Most of this work will be done from the parking lane, where possible, so not to impact traffic.

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Safety Notes

For the remainder of this week and early next week, as you approach the work zone, you will encounter signs that say, "Grooved Pavement," **There is still milled surfaces at certain intersections.** These signs are there to inform motorists, especially motorcycles, that the milled pavement will possibly affect the way your vehicle handles on that surface. Be vigilant when proceeding through the work zone. Also, be aware of the raised manhole frames and water valve boxes that protrude 1 ½ "above the milled surface.

The abundance of dump trucks, asphalt pavers and steel drum rollers, utility trucks and contractor employees at multiple locations throughout the project is slowly decreasing. However, the aforementioned equipment is still necessary to complete the remaining work. This equipment 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.

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

There has been an abundance of rear end accidents throughout this project. Most of these accidents could have been prevented. A common link with many of these are due to **DISTRACTED DRIVING.** Please refrain from using hand held electronics while operating your vehicle. The latest incident involved a vehicle struck in the rear that had an infant in it.

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.

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.

I wanted to thank everyone for their patience this week while I transitioned into the Acting Engineer in Charge of this project. I have had the pleasure of speaking with some of you and look forward to working with everyone to successfully complete the project. Please direct any questions to me. My contact information is located below.

Thank you for your attention and patience.

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