

JEFFERSON DRIVE - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will Jefferson Drive be open to traffic?

A. Jefferson Drive will be closed to through traffic during the reconstruction. Residents with driveways where active construction is occurring will lose vehicular access. During this period homeowners will need to utilize available parking on adjacent streets. To minimize the impact of this closure on the residents the construction will be phased in multiple segments. A preliminary phasing plan has the project broken into six phases. These phases are from 1st Street to 5th Street, 5th Street to Marie Lane, Marie Lane to the Mayo Clinic, the Mayo Clinic to Main Street, Main Street to the eastern Kwik Trip exit, and the eastern Kwik Trip exit to Dubuque Boulevard.

Q. How will my garbage be picked up?

A. Garbage pickup days will remain unchanged. In areas where there is no active construction your pickup should remain relatively unchanged. In areas where there is active construction your garbage and recycling containers will need to be moved to a side street for pickup. You will be able to leave your containers at the end of your driveway and the contractor will move them to a pickup spot and return by the end of the day. To ensure the container is returned to the proper location we ask that you write your address with permanent marker on duct tape and stick it to the top of the container.

Q. Can the contractor do private work for me on my property?

A. Yes, if the contractor agrees to do this work. Any work done to your property will not be included in the City's contract. You will need to coordinate this work directly with the Contractor. The City's contractor is Schumacher Excavating out of Zumbrota, MN.

Q. How will my mail be delivered?

A. This will vary for individual properties but for most people a temporary mailbox, located on a side street or off the end of the project, will be set up so the mail carrier can drop off the mail without going through the construction site. Your mailbox's will be removed for roadway work and reinstalled once work has been completed. We may ask you to store your mailbox in an safe area during construction to prevent damage.

Q. Where will the trail be located?

A. The trail will be on the Southwest side of Jefferson Drive from 1st Street to Mill Street and from Main Street to Dubuque Boulevard. The trail will be on the Northeast side of Jefferson Drive from Mill Street to Main Street. The trail location was discussed at length and the final location was selected with input from City Staff, City Council Members, and WHKS.

Q. Will my water or sewer service be affected?

A. Some properties along this section will lose water service for a period of time when new watermain is being installed. Temporary water services may be installed to your property if extended shutdowns are expected. Sewer services will not be affected.

Q. Who is paying for this project?

A. The project is being funded 50/50 with State Grant Funds and City Funds. No property assessments will occur.

Q. What will be asked of me?

A. Homeowners with private items that are located within the public right-of-way will need to relocate them prior to the beginning of construction. Irrigation lines, dog fences, landscaping materials, or other items remaining in this area will be removed. Carriage walks and non-connected driveways will also be removed.

For select properties a Right of Entry form will need to be signed for the city to perform work outside of the City Right of Way. This will allow the City Contractor to reconstruct driveways further back to alleviate steep driveway slopes, to add a retaining wall, or to reconstruct existing utility services. City Engineering representatives from WHKS will contact these property owners and discuss the document.

Q. How will package deliveries be affected?

A. Package deliveries will depend on the condition on the roadway and if the carrier can access the property. Shipping packages to a friend or family member during construction or picking up packages at the store are ways to ensure you receive the delivery.

