

LETTER OF INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

GEBHARDT ROAD AND HIGHLAND DRIVE – RECONSTRUCTION & PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY PROJECT

Dear Resident:

The Village of Elm Grove has been planning for the reconstruction of Gebhardt Road and a portion of Highland Drive as well as the installation of a pedestrian pathway along the south side of Gebhardt Road, between Pilgrim Parkway and Highland Drive. Design on the project was recently completed and bids for construction were solicited this spring. Construction Contracts have been approved and construction on this project is slated to begin very soon.

The limits of this construction project are on Gebhardt Road between Pilgrim Parkway and Highland Drive and on Highland Drive from 50-FT north of Gebhardt Road to 500-FT south of Gebhardt Road. Both roadways will be repaved and slightly widened to create two uniform 12-FT wide lanes with 2-ft wide vegetated shoulders. A 6-FT wide paved asphalt pathway will be installed within the right-of-way on the south side of Gebhardt road to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Intersection improvements will be made at the intersection of Gebhardt and Highland with a slight realignment, addition of a dedicated turn lane, and lowering of the hill that currently blocks visibility to the south of the intersection. All driveway culverts will be replaced, and ditches will be re-graded for positive drainage. Driveways will also be replaced with asphalt between the new pathway and the roadway.

The Contractor for this work is C.W. Purpero, Inc. An exact schedule for the different phases of work is still being determined, however, tree removal and clearing and grubbing of brush and landscaping that conflict with the ditch work or pathway installation **may begin on Monday, June 19th**. The project is expected to be completed by October 20th and some minor grass restoration work may need to occur in Spring of 2024 depending on how late the 2023 growing season goes.

We-Energies will be replacing and updating all of the gas mains in the project area **beginning Monday, June 19th**. This work is expected to take 10 weeks (weather dependent) and they will be working within the roadway right-of-way and at intersections.

If you have any landscaping items or decorations located near the roadway, please remove them until this project is completed. The Contractor will salvage any hardscape items located within the right of way and provide them to the property owner if they are not removed prior to the project beginning. Flowers, plants, and other bushes within the right-of-way that conflict with the roadway widening, ditching, or pathway installation, will be removed and disposed of by the Contractor.

As a result of the ditch grading work, your mailbox may be temporarily removed and placed in a temporary support on your driveway. Access will be maintained for mail delivery throughout the entire project. Your mailbox will be re-installed when the ditch grading is completed.

Access will be maintained at all times for garbage collection, mail delivery, emergency vehicles, and resident access. The roadway will be closed to thru-traffic. There may be disruptions at times to driveway access and the Contractor will coordinate that directly with property owners. Depending on the sequence of work, there may be times where an alternate route is necessary to get to your home or neighborhood.

To avoid large volumes of vehicles traveling through the work zone, **we are asking that you access your property from the nearest side street**, if possible. For example, if you live near the intersection of Berkshire and Gebhardt, it will be easiest to access your property from Berkshire onto Gebhardt, rather than traveling all the way down Gebhardt from Pilgrim Parkway.

The normal working hours for the Contractor for this project are from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday through Friday. No equipment start-up may occur before 6:30AM. No work will take place on Sundays or any holidays. Depending on weather or schedules, work may occur on a Saturday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM if requested by the Contractor and

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written approval is given by the Village. Any deviations from these working hours requires written approval by the Village and we will do our best to notify residents of changes.

We understand that large scale construction projects, such as this one, are an inconvenience to your normal day-to-day routines. We are asking for your patience and understanding during this time so that we can complete this project as quick, efficient, **and safe** as we possibly can. When entering and exiting the work zone, please drive slowly and pay attention to any directions given by the workers. Please allow for a few extra minutes of travel when commuting into or out of the work area.

It is our goal to limit inconvenience and provide you with the most up-to-date information as we get it. To keep you up to date, we will be issuing emails on a weekly basis to notify you of planned work and schedule changes. **If you would like to be part of these email updates, please send an email to Peter Gesch, Project Manager at pgesch@ruekert-mielke.com. I can also be reached at 262-953-3014.** I will be providing construction oversight of the project on behalf of the Village of Elm Grove. Richard Paul, Jr. Director of Public Works, is also available to be contacted at rpauljr@elmgrovewi.org or 262-782-6700. Ruekert & Mielke will also have a Construction Review Technician on-site most days while the Contractor is working – this individual can be approached on-site for urgent matters, if necessary.

A copy of the Construction Plans will be made available on the Village's Website under Departments > Public Works > Construction Projects.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.



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