

# New York Avenue Reconstruction

## 07/19/20 Weekly construction update 2

Good evening all! I didn't send an update on Friday as I figured the pending rain would change the plan for what I sent anyway. It now looks like the contractor will have enough time to recover from the 1" or so we received this weekend and then likely be delayed by rain again Monday night. ☹️

As with most projects the contractors original plan has changed. They have now decided to complete all the underground work west of Hwy 75 1<sup>st</sup> before starting anything east of 75. With the way they decided to handle the recycled base material by stockpiling it on the roadway east of 75 this makes good sense. They hope to start street grading as they finish the underground work up to 75 so that they can move and place some of the salvaged base material as they began work on the water line east of 75 in a few weeks. Currently once they complete all the water and storm sewer work east of 75 they will skip the 75 intersection and replace the water line to the east per plan. They would then just back up, complete all the work in the Hwy 75 intersection, and continue east with the storm sewer. Stay tuned as I'm sure plans will change again over the next month!

**Work to date:** Last week went reasonably well for the contractor. As expected they completed most of the waterline work west of Hwy 75. There are a few odds and ends to finish up which will partially be done on Monday and then completed when the new storm sewer is complete to Hwy 75. The actual water line street crossings were just a bit different than we expected once they were dug up so we were able to skip replacing a bit of good existing line and few valves which not only moves things along it also saves a few City dollars. Conzemis oil ended up being without water for part of Thursday and Friday; they were great to work with and understood the need. A short interruption was all that was needed for the apartment complex NW of the Hwy 75 intersection as they were provided a temporary hookup. Lots of communication is taking place with the residents and City staff to keep things moving along.

**Work planned for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>:** The contractor plans to start working on the new storm sewer from the levee going east early Monday morning provided things dry out and the misc. water items are taken care of. The contractors schedule indicates that storm sewer installation will take over 4 weeks for the full project. This would put the Hwy 75 intersection closure and work about August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the earliest. Due to the depth of the storm sewer at the levee and the river level being higher than the outlet pipe City staff are going to close the pump station gates on Monday morning and pump the storm sewer down. The pump station will need to be kept pumped down all week so that the new storm sewer can be placed in a dry condition. If things go well the pump station can be opened to gravity flow again at the end of the week and not interfere with the rest of the construction.

Please feel free to call with questions and lets hope for dry weather!

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