

New York Avenue Reconstruction

09/22/20 Weekly construction update

My apologies that it has been too long since an update. The plan on site kept changing so much from the contractor from day to day I didn't know what to report at times! Things have settled down and are headed for a conclusion here in a few weeks. (buy still subject to change any minute)

The contractor has fallen about a week and a half behind schedule since my last update. Recall we thought they would pave the week of September 14th and that has not happened yet. On the bright side all the curb and gutter from Hwy 75 to the west end of the project is complete and the aggregate base is in and ready to pave as of today. Only a little bit of the underground work east of Hwy 75 has been completed.

Work planned for the rest of this week: Paving will start just a bit yet today with full production starting Wednesday morning. I've been assured that the final lift of pavement will be placed on the Hwy 75 intersection yet this week. The rest of New York to the west may not have the final payment this week but we hope for next week. Underground work will start east of Hwy 75 again tomorrow. The water line should get completed this week. *We intend to open Hwy 75 by the end of the week.* It will not need to be fully closed again the rest of the work can be completed with lane closures.

Work planned for the week of September 28th: I'm really hoping for the final pavement west of Hwy 75 and the concrete driveways to be replaced. They will also hopefully start on the bld work but I'm doubtful. The storm sewer work will proceed but it may not get all completed.

Misc. items and looking ahead: October 3rd was the specified completion date for this project; that will not happen. I will know more next week but I currently see October 15th as the earliest I could see this project done. More on this next week.

FYI the side streets to the north of New York Avenue have some issues as some of you know. The contractor hauling from the project didn't help the condition of course. Neil's crew has prepared some of these areas and the paving contractor for this project will be doing some patching. Probably best to check with Neil for more info on this but I thought it was worth mentioning as at least one of you spoke with my staff on site about it.

As always please feel free to call me at any time with questions!

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