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Dear Resident,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the City of Durand Madison Street Reconstruction Project from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. In recent weeks, you have seen the gas company (WE Energies and their sub-contractor Inter Con) installing their new gas facilities. This is separate from the City's street and utility construction project and will continue for another few Months. The City's general contractor for this project is McCabe Construction, Inc., Eau Claire, WI.

#### Madison Street Reconstruction Project – General Project Timeline

Starting at the end of April, McCabe Construction Inc. (hereinafter referred to as McCabe) will begin mobilizing on site. During the first week or so, McCabe will be placing traffic control signs, removing trees, installing erosion control measures, and removing the asphalt pavement. Likely at some point during the beginning of May, McCabe will begin underground construction at which point vehicular and pedestrian access will start to be affected for anyone driving and walking within the project construction area. The underground construction includes sanitary sewer and sanitary laterals, watermain and water laterals, storm sewer and storm sewer laterals. The street construction includes existing business coal bin abandonments, existing business underground storage room removal below existing sidewalk, excavation, crushed aggregate base, curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and driveways, pavement markings, signage, restoration of disturbed areas with topsoil, seed and erosion mat. The project final completion date for the project is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### Water shutoffs

There will be times throughout the project where the water will need to be temporarily shut off to various residents and businesses. This is required to make various connections of new watermain and water laterals to existing. The contractor is expected to ensure property owners and residents are notified in advance of this work taking place. Please note however that some emergency situations may require that water be shut off without notice.

#### Vehicular and pedestrian access

Most of the disruption to vehicle and pedestrian access is during the installation of pipe underground work, though there are other construction activities that will also not allow vehicle and pedestrian traffic at times. Drivers and pedestrians will likely have to find alternative routes and parking locations throughout the duration of the project. At times residents and businesses will not be able to enter/exit their driveways with their vehicles. Entry to businesses will be temporarily closed off until underground work is backfilled and new concrete curbs and sidewalk cures. The contractor typically knocks on doors in the morning to notify residents and businesses of any work blocking their driveways and business entry doorways that day but please try to be aware of when the contractor is working in your general vicinity so you can avoid getting blocked in or out. After all the new underground pipe work is completed, the remaining work will generally be the completion of the curb, sidewalk and street construction, which will allow for improved vehicle and pedestrian access. Note that at the end of each workday (around 7pm), all residents and businesses will be able to access their driveways and business entry doorways

again. Residents and businesses will also be able to get in and out of their driveways and business entry doorways on weekends.

### Garbage

Continue to place your garbage bins where you currently put them. The construction project may or may not change this service. Please reach out to your sanitation provider for more information.

### Mail

We are currently coordinating with the post office and contractor to provide banks of temporary mailboxes in a few different locations throughout the project. If your business mail delivery is via Main Street your mail will be delivered the same as currently. The exact locations for individual addresses are to be determined. The contractor will carefully remove any mailboxes within the construction area and place them farther back on the properties out of the way of construction. The contractor will reinstall these later in the project.

### Sprinklers and dog fences

Underground sprinkler systems and invisible dog fences should be clearly marked by the property owner. The contractor will be required to preserve these to the best of their ability but residents will be responsible for reinstallation of these items within the City right-of-way.

### Tree removal and replacement

Trees are being removed throughout the project for various reasons. Most of the trees being removed are within City right-of-way.

### Construction staking

Cedar Corporation will be providing construction staking throughout the project. This involves the placement of wooden lathe and hubs that serve as reference points from which the project will be constructed. Please do not disturb or remove these. These will be removed by the contractor toward the end of the project.

### Closing thoughts

As already stated, the project has a final completion date of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please note that, other than the final completion date, the times for various construction activities provided above are highly subject to change. This can be due to weather conditions as well as the general unpredictable nature of construction. Additional update letters will be sent to residents throughout the project as needed as well as more informal notices on site. Cedar Corporation will have a resident project representative on site during construction for the project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the project manager (Russ Kiviniemi) or me at the phone numbers below. Matt Gilles (City of Durand Public Works Director) is also willing to receive phone calls at 715-672-8770 ext. 4. Residents are also encouraged to follow the “City of Durand WI” Website and Facebook page for frequent project updates.

Sincerely,

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