



newsletter

City of Evanston Public Works Agency

City of Evanston

Central Street Bridge Replacement Project

October 29, 2020

Project Description

In coordination with Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Evanston is beginning the Central Street Bridge Replacement Project. The scope of this project includes removal, replacement and widening of the existing bridge structure. The new bridge will be constructed from the bottom up, including pile foundations, piers, columns, abutments, wing walls, and a wider bridge deck accommodating bicycles, pedestrians and golf carts. New street lighting will be installed within the project limits, and the existing crosswalk at Bryant will be upgraded. A project location map is attached to this newsletter. The Central Street Bridge Replacement Project is part of the city's continuous program to improve the roadway system throughout the community and is funded by both federal and local funds.

Overall Project Schedule

The contractor will start preparation by removing the trees and clearing the channel embankment area on north and south side of bridge the week of November 9. The proposed work for 2020 includes setting up the staging area and installing sheet piling along the access drive for Fire Station No. 3. The bridge will be constructed in two stages; the scope of work with the anticipated schedule for each stage is as follows:

Stage 1: The main construction will start in February 2021 with demolition of the south half of the existing bridge. Two-way traffic will be maintained on the existing north half of the bridge during this stage. The south half of the new bridge will be completed by September 2021.

Stage 2: In Fall 2021, the contractor will begin with demolition of the existing north half of the bridge. During construction of the new northern portion, two-way traffic will maintained on the newly constructed south half of the bridge. Once the north section is complete, Central Street will be resurfaced on the east and west sides of the bridge. The entire project, including restoration and landscaping, is expected to be complete by October 2022.

During construction, one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Central Street, and access to the Fire Station #3, Evanston North Shore Hospital and Canal Shores Golf Course will be available at all times. The construction activities will create some inconveniences for the adjacent businesses and residents, but the City will attempt to minimize these issues. Construction zone **"No Parking Any Time"** will be in effect on the bridge for the duration of bridge replacement project.

Contractor

The contractor for this project is Copenhaver Construction Inc. located at 75 Koppie Drive, Gilberts, IL 60103.

City Monitoring

The City has retained Stanley Consultants Ltd. to monitor the project. If you have any questions or concerns during construction, please contact the Resident Engineer, **Mark Gemmel at (773) 391-1437**. Questions in general about the Central Street Bridge Project should be directed to **Sat Nagar, P.E., Senior Project Manager at 3-1-1 or at (847) 448-4311**.



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- Stage 1 - South half of the bridge
- Stage 2 - North half of the bridge
- Stage 3 - Asphalt repaving



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