



Memorandum

From: City of Evanston Public Works and Engineering

Subject: Central Street Transportation and Utility Projects and Identified Accommodations

Date: 04/24/2026

The City of Evanston will be completing a water main improvement project along Central Street from Broadway Avenue to Bryant Avenue between late April and July 17, 2026. This work is part of the City's ongoing investment in critical infrastructure to support long-term reliability and service.

Construction Phasing and Impacts: Watermain Improvements:

Phase 1A: Broadway Avenue to Ashland Avenue (April 27- May 01, weather permitting)
Saw cutting will begin on April 27 and continue in advance of construction. No roadway openings will occur until May 4th. To accommodate traffic control and temporary lane striping required to shift travel lanes south, parking on the south side of the street will be restricted during this time, as it will serve as an active travel lane. Parking on the north side will be restricted during construction work hours only, restored after 5:00 PM on weekdays, and remain available on weekends throughout the entire day.

Phase 1B: Broadway Avenue to Ashland Avenue (May 4 – May 22, weather permitting)
During this phase, traffic will be shifted to the south side of Central Street while the new water main is installed within the existing parking lane on the north side. Parking will be prohibited on both sides of the street within this segment during construction. Following pipe installation, the City will coordinate with the contractor to restore parking on the north side as feasible.

Phase 2: Ashland Avenue to Bryant Avenue (May 22 – June 12, weather permitting)
Traffic will be shifted to the north side of Central Street while the new water main is installed on the south side. Parking will be prohibited on both sides of the street within this segment during this phase.

Water Service Connections (June 15* – June 26*)

The contractor and a City representative will coordinate directly with affected property owners to schedule individual water service connections. Property owners will receive 48-hour and 24-hour advance notice of any required water shut-offs.

Throughout the duration of the project, temporary parking restrictions will be posted as necessary. “No Parking” signage will be installed at least 48 hours in advance. Sidewalk access on both sides of Central Street will remain open at all times.*weather permitting

Parking and Access Accommodations:To help manage the temporary reallocation of on-street parking during construction, the City has implemented several measures and is actively advancing additional accommodations. These efforts are focused on maintaining access to the Central Street corridor, supporting business operations, and providing practical parking alternatives for employees, customers, and visitors while work is underway:

Poplar Avenue (north of Central Street):

Nineteen (19) free 2-hour parking spaces and four (4) 30-minute parking spaces have been established along the Metra embankment.

Ashland Avenue (west side, Central Street to Isabella Street):

Parking on the west side of the street will be permitted during off-peak hours, specifically from 6:00 PM to 5:00 AM, Monday through Friday, and all day on Saturday and Sunday, where conditions allow. Signage will be installed to clearly identify permitted parking locations and any associated restrictions, while maintaining safe and efficient two-way traffic operations.

Business Coordination and Access:

The City is working directly with impacted businesses and institutions to identify parking and operational solutions, including long-term parking options for employees, support for patient and customer parking, and safe drop-off and pick-up operations during construction. All businesses along Central Street will remain open. The City is committed to minimizing disruption and maintaining safe access for customers, employees, and deliveries. Wayfinding signage and “Support Local Businesses” messaging will be installed to help direct visitors to available parking and encourage continued patronage.

Additional Information:

Sewer Structure Lining (April 24 - May 8, weather permitting)

The contractor, National Power Rodding, will be performing sewer structure lining at two different structures: one at the intersection of Central St. and Poplar Ave., and a second at the intersection of Central St. and Green Bay Rd. These structures will each be lined within a single day, weather permitting. There are no parking restrictions anticipated for this work.

Resurfacing Project Central Street (Ashland Ave- Bryant Ave):

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be conducting street resurfacing and sidewalk improvements along Central Street between (July 13 - Late August)

There are no known impacts to parking on the 1700 block of Central St at this time.