

2015 Park Street Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project

Public Meeting Notice:

August 19th at 6:00 pm – City Hall Commission Chambers

Dear Resident of the City of St. Joseph:

We are contacting you to provide information regarding the upcoming construction on the Park Street Bridge this fall. The project is being undertaken because the City was able to secure Local Bridge Program dollars to fund 95% of the eligible construction cost. The project includes concrete deck overlay, rail patching, pavement approach work, curb and gutter, sidewalk, ramps and related work.

Schedule Information

Work is scheduled to start the day after Labor Day, September 8, 2015. One-way, westbound traffic will be maintained throughout construction. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete and open to two-way traffic by November 6, 2015. The Contractor will return in the spring of 2016 to complete concrete surface coating and flood coating, the Contractor has estimated two days to complete this process. The contract calls for final completion to be on or before May 5, 2016.

Scope of Work / Contractor / Consulting Engineer

The primary purpose of the project is to undertake preventative maintenance work on the Park Street Bridge. This includes hydro-demolition of the upper portion of the bridge deck, steel reinforcement repair and pouring of a new concrete bridge deck. Work will also be completed on the bridge sidewalks, deck rails, concrete approach pavement and sidewalks next to the concrete approach pavement. Repairs to the underside of the bridge and a small amount of storm sewer construction is also planned.

The Contractor for this project is Davis Construction Company (Davis), based in Lansing, Michigan. Integrity Structural Engineering located in St. Joseph, Michigan performed the design work and Abonmarche Consultants, headquartered in Benton Harbor, will complete the Construction Administration and Inspection services. An inspector from Abonmarche will typically be on-site during construction activity.

Traffic Maintenance / Access / Trash Pickup / Water Service

As with any construction project, traffic maintenance will present some challenges and we thank you in advance for your patience. Construction will be undertaken in a part-width manner in order to maintain one-way westbound traffic at all times. The Public Safety Department requires maintaining westbound traffic at all times for emergency vehicle access. Eastbound traffic will be directed to Broad Street, Vine Street and up State Street.

Construction is scheduled to start with closing the southerly lane of the Park Street Bridge for repairs (Stage I), upon completion of Stage I westbound traffic will be shifted to the southerly lane for Stage II work. We do not anticipate the need for driveway closures, however the entrance to Vine Street will be closed when Stage II work is underway. Please keep in mind that Vine Street from Pearl Street to Park Street will be two-way when the Park Street access point is closed. During Stage II, the entire width of the paved alley must remain clear for emergency vehicle access. To address this public safety concern, vehicles that park on any portion of the paved alley surface during Stage II will be ticketed and towed.

For trash and recycle pickup, please place your containers in the normal pickup location alongside the street or alley. Should you have an issue with trash pickup, please contact Don Evans, the City Streets & Rubbish Superintendent at 983-6341.

There is no water main replacement or construction scheduled as part of this project and as such, no water shut offs are planned. If unexpected conditions are encountered such as a water main break or service leak, the water may need to be shut off without notice. If such a situation occurs, the on-site inspector(s) will do his/her best to keep the affected residents updated on the situation.

Contact Information

General construction related questions should be directed to Jason Marquardt, Project Engineer with Abonmarche Consultants or Tim Zebell, City Engineer. Specific construction issues should be directed to the Abonmarche Inspector on site. A contact information sheet is attached and may be clipped for posting on your refrigerator, etc. We also request that you fill out and return the attached contact information form. This will allow City Staff to contact you should a construction related issue require individual notification during the day.

A Public Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on August 19, 2015 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall for those with questions or desiring additional information. In addition to this notice and the Public Meeting, progress notices will be posted to the City's website (www.sjcity.com) on a periodic basis. If you are interested in receiving updates via email, please provide your email address on the attached form. We thank you for your patience during this time of inconvenience.

Commonly Asked Questions Regarding Construction Projects

- 1) **What will be done as part of the infrastructure improvement project?**
The purpose of the Park Street Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project is to extend the life of the Park Street Bridge. Construction will include hydro-demolition of portion of the bridge deck, pouring a new bridge deck, replacement of the concrete pavement approaches on either side of the bridge, sidewalk, deck railing and other related work.
- 2) **Will my water service line and sanitary sewer lead be replaced?**
No. In fact, water main and sanitary sewer work is not planned as part of this project. A small amount of storm sewer work is planned.
- 3) **How long will I be without water?**
There are no planned water service interruptions. However, should we need to shut off the water due to unexpected circumstances the duration could be anywhere between 1 hour and 8 hours in duration dependent upon the complexity of the situation.
- 4) **When will work start and how long will it take to complete the project?**
The project is scheduled to begin September 8th, with substantial completion on or before November 6th. Final completion is scheduled for May 5, 2016 however work in the spring of 2016 is expected to be relatively minor in nature and anticipated to occur over two days.
- 5) **Who is the Contractor?**
Davis Construction Company's bid of \$411,375.78 was the lowest of 5 bids submitted through the MDOT letting process.
- 6) **Will trees be removed in front of my house?**
No tree removal are planned. Typically tree removals only occur when absolutely required for construction and are limited to trees within Right-of-Way or City property.
- 7) **I require special care/services; how will the project affect me?**
If you have a condition that requires special consideration i.e. medical services, disabled accessibility, Meals on Wheels, etc. please contact the City Engineer, Tim Zebell, as soon as possible (983-5541). We will notify the Contractor of your needs and schedule a meeting to discuss your particular circumstances, if necessary.
- 8) **If I have a problem during construction, who do I contact?**
Abonmarche Consultants will typically have an Inspector on site when construction activity is underway, he or she should be your first contact (the Inspectors typically wear shirts that identify them as an Abonmarche employee). If the Inspector is not available, please call the Project Engineer Jason Marquardt at Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. (927-2295 ext. 171) or City Engineer Tim Zebell (983-5541).
- 9) **What about access to my driveway?**
Driveways should remain accessible throughout construction, however access to Vine Street from Park Street will be closed for Stage II construction (when work on the northerly lane of the bridge deck is underway).
- 10) **Why does the project need to be done?**
The project is being undertaken to maintain and extend the life of the Park Street Bridge.
- 11) **If I have a problem after normal hours, who do I contact?**
In case of an emergency, please dial 911. If your problem is less critical in nature, for example no water service, sewer backup, etc. please contact the St. Joseph Water Treatment Plant at 269-983-1240. The Water Plant Operator on duty will then contact the appropriate personnel to address your concern.



City of St. Joseph
700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

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Contact Information**

First Call:

If additional follow-up is necessary, call:

Jason Marquardt, P.E., Project Engineer
Abonmarche Consultants, Inc.
95 West Main Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tim Zebell, P.E., City Engineer
City of St. Joseph
700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 927-2295 ext. 171
FAX: (269) 927-1017
Email: jmarquardt@abonmarche.com

Phone: (269) 983-5541
FAX: (269) 985-0346
Email: tzebell@sjcity.com

For non-emergency, after normal working hours, call:

St. Joseph Water Treatment Plant – Operator on Duty:
Phone: (269) 983-1240

**2015 Park Street Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project
Requested Information**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please mail, FAX or drop off this form to:

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700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Attn.: Tim Zebell, City Engineer

FAX: (269) 985-0346
Email: tzebell@sjcity.com

Please call 983-5541 with special care requirements.

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