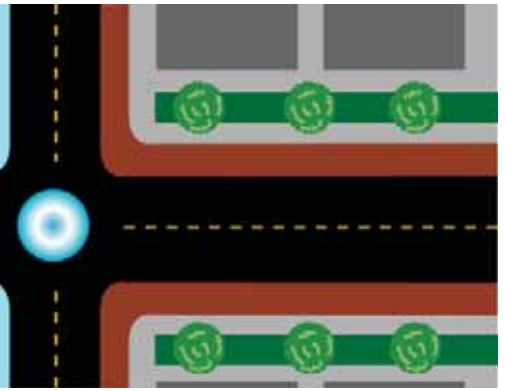




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Catch the Express!

If you're heading out for a night on the town this summer, don't forget about Lansing's Entertainment Express trolley. The trolley connects downtown Lansing and East Lansing and runs from 7:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. every Thursday through Saturday. CATA's regular \$1.00 fare applies. Due to this summer's construction (specifically the closure of Michigan Avenue between Grand and Capitol) the Entertainment Express Trolley requires detour routes. For more information on these routes including maps, schedules, stops, and conveniently located venues, please visit <http://www.lepfa.com/EntertainmentExpress/tabid/73/Default.aspx>.

"Construction Coffee" Meetings

Due to low attendance, the CSO "Construction Coffee" meetings have ended. The Public Service Department will now join the Principal Shopping District's "Business over Breakfast" (B.O.B) meetings to provide construction updates. The meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at a downtown location. This month (July 25) the B.O.B meeting will be at the Radisson. Hope to see you there!

CSO Project Construction Updates

Downtown - Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

On Kalamazoo Street between Washington Square and Capitol Avenue, the steel casing that will contain the sanitary sewer main is installed. The construction of the associated "receiving pit" in Capital Avenue that will allow installation of the sewer main is also complete. The tunnel-boring machine



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has now turned 180 degrees to continue work in an easterly direction (toward Grand Avenue) from the pit located in the Washington Square intersection.

Also on Kalamazoo Street, sanitary sewer construction from Grand Avenue to the bridge over the river is complete. Construction on the sanitary sewer “siphon chamber” in the riverbank is slated to begin the week of July 23.

The new water main was constructed in Grand Avenue. Work is now complete on the west side of Grand Avenue and will soon begin on the east side of the street. As a result, the lane closures on Grand Avenue will move to the east side, and the associated traffic will move to the west side.

On Seymour Street, pavement was removed and the new water main installed between Ottawa Street and Shiawassee Street. Necessary spot repairs were made to the existing storm sewer. Next on Seymour Street, there will be testing of the new water main, construction of the new water service leads, and installation of the new sanitary sewer.

Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please patronize all businesses in this corridor.

023 – Michigan Avenue and Side Streets

On Bingham Street between Michigan Avenue and Eureka Street, underground construction is nearing completion. Road building activities have started and paving should occur in mid-August, just in time for school.

Paving occurred on Hill Street and Prospect Street on July 14. Restoration of the greenway is underway.

On Larch Street north of Michigan Avenue, construction has slowed due to the testing of the water main. A new water main is always tested to ensure the quality of the tap water is clean and fit for human consumption. Construction will resume upon completion of these tests. Paving should occur in late July or early August.

On Michigan Avenue at the CSX railroad tracks there is no construction planned for the next two weeks. One eastbound lane and two westbound lanes will be maintained at this time. Access to local businesses will be maintained.

In Dumpster Alley, the dumpster pad was placed. Asphalt paving of the alley is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 23.

The final paving of the streets south of Michigan Avenue (not including Pennsylvania) is tentatively scheduled for early August.





River Walk

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Street Area

On Pennsylvania Avenue between Michigan and Shiawassee, concrete work is complete on the west side, and the gravel base is near completion. Paving of the west side will occur on July 20 or July 23, depending on rainfall (heavy rain will delay paving). During the paving operation, access to Shiawassee from Pennsylvania will be restricted. Access to Shiawassee will be from Dorrance during this two- to four-hour period. The contractor will then raise the manhole castings and install pavement markings. Traffic will be shifted from the east side to the west side late in the week of July 23 (most likely July 26 or 27). After the traffic is shifted, one lane of northbound traffic and one lane of southbound traffic will be maintained on the west lanes. Existing turn prohibitions will be maintained.

On Shiawassee Street from Pere Marquette to Pennsylvania, construction on the south side is nearing completion. Paving of the south lanes will occur early in the week of July 23, after the paving of Pennsylvania is complete. Manhole castings will be raised and pavement markings installed. Traffic will then shift to the south side. This will occur at the same time traffic is shifted on Pennsylvania (July 26 or 27). One westbound and one eastbound lane of traffic will be maintained. Construction will then start on the north side of Shiawassee.

On Dorrance Street, temporary water services have been installed. Construction on the sanitary sewer will start on July 23.

On Haag Court, water services have been connected to the new water main. The utility poles will be moved so that the new sanitary sewer can be installed. The moving of the utility poles will take about three weeks.

013 Northwest – Turner and Carrier Street Area

During the next two weeks, sanitary sewer construction will continue north on Turner Street. A second crew will be brought out to begin storm sewer work on Turner at Jackson and move north behind the sanitary sewer work. When the new manhole arrives, the storm sewer work on Terminal will be completed. The area will be graded, and curb and gutter work will be done.

018 Southeast – Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area

Construction of the 24-inch storm sewer in Oakland Avenue is finished. All underground utility work in the segment of Oakland Avenue between Ballard Street and Pennsylvania Avenue is now complete. Road-building activities have begun in this segment of Oakland Avenue.



Washington Square Kiosk



Capitol Building

On Case Street and Porter Street, construction of the gravel substrate is complete. In addition, the concrete work (new curb and gutter) on Case Street is finished.

Work will begin to construct the new underground utilities on Oakland Avenue, east of Pennsylvania Avenue. Although this project is “on-schedule,” Oakland Avenue is expected to remain closed to through traffic for several more weeks. More specific updates regarding the schedule for Oakland Avenue will be provided in the next issue of this newsletter.

CSO-013 West Project - Gier Neighborhood

The sanitary sewer in Creston Street from Randolph Street to Jackson Street was installed, as well as in Randolph Street from Creston Street to the west. Curb and gutter, as well as base course in Creston Street are nearing completion. In the coming weeks, installation of sanitary sewer in Harris Street from Creston Street to Gary Street will be completed. Sanitary lead connection for 109 Randolph Street will also be completed. On Filley Street and Taylor Street, televising of sewer was recently completed and final paving on these streets will begin soon. Final paving on Turner Street from Randolph Street to Jackson Street will be scheduled in coordination with the adjoining CSO-013 Northwest project construction traffic needs. Dates for final paving will be included in the next issue of this newsletter.

Other Lansing Area Construction Project Updates

Michigan Avenue “Streetscape” Project

On Michigan Avenue, the west half of the block between Washington and Capitol has been paved. Planter beds have been placed on both sides of the street. Decorative brick pavers are being installed. Underground work is completed, except on the intersection of Washington and Michigan. Road building and median planter islands will be worked on in the next couple of weeks. Construction should start on the intersection of Michigan and Washington during the first week in August. This will close the intersection to traffic. Pedestrian access will be maintained as well as access to local businesses.

On Michigan Avenue between the Grand River and Cedar, construction has slowed due to design issues. These issues are being resolved and construction on the north side should resume by August 10. Museum Drive under Michigan Avenue has reopened.



Oldsmobile Park



On Michigan Avenue between Larch and Pennsylvania, rain garden construction began in front of Jon Anthony's Florist in the 800 block. An underground storage tank was discovered in the 900 block and has slowed the construction of the sidewalk. The tank should be removed the week of July 23. Rain garden construction will begin on the south side when the north side sidewalk is complete. This is required for pedestrian access. Access is being maintained to all businesses in the construction corridor.

North Washington "Streetscape"

Construction on the Washington Square "Streetscape" project in the 200 and 300 north blocks is continuing. Demolition of the mall environs is complete. New water main was placed in the 200 block. Water service connections to the new main will be made the week of July 23 for the AT&T, Michigan Dental Association, and Phoenix buildings. Necessary water shut offs will be coordinated with the owners / managers of these buildings.

Ottawa Street will be reduced to two lanes starting July 23 to accommodate the steam line reconstruction. Shiawassee Street, which was closed to eastbound traffic for the Common Ground Festival will remain closed to eastbound traffic, with one lane open westbound traffic through August. Sanitary sewer, water main and steam utilities will be reconstructed on Shiawassee during this time. Ionia Street will be completely closed to traffic starting August 6 for about two weeks and then closed intermittently during the remainder of the project. Advance notice will be provided prior to street closures.

The project is on schedule to be completed by mid-November.

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