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CSO Construction and the Downtown 2020 Task Force

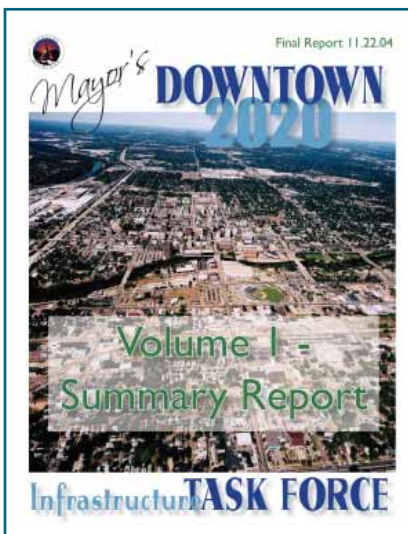
By this time of year, drivers in the City of Lansing are feeling frustrated with traffic delays and the other inconveniences associated with CSO construction. This often prompts questions concerning the sequencing and timing of projects and why so many projects are under construction at the same time.

For the CSO Control Program, the duration is generally dictated by the CSO Control Program schedule that was required and approved by the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The approved schedule specifically states that all construction needs to be completed by December 31, 2019. However, project sequencing in the greater "Downtown" area was revised as a result of the Downtown 2020 Infrastructure Task Force.

In 2003, the Downtown 2020 Infrastructure Task Force was convened with various stakeholders, including downtown business and property owners, civic leaders, neighborhood associations, and local residents. One of the primary goals of the Task Force was to help minimize the disruption to downtown businesses.

The mission of the Task Force was "to work together interactively with businesses, residents, concerned citizens, and all governmental entities in the Greater Lansing area to keep them informed and involved concerning all major infrastructure projects scheduled through 2020. In addition, the Task Force will communicate proactively, seek input from all stakeholders, and promote understanding of all downtown infrastructure projects scheduled through 2020 to minimize disruption of commerce and maximize each project's cost-effectiveness and benefits for all the people of Lansing."

The Task Force developed a report recommending a detailed plan of construction in the downtown area, including a revised schedule minimizing the inconvenience to those most affected. The recommendations of this report and the associated construction schedule are now being implemented in the





*Aerial shot of
Downtown Construction*

CSO Control Program. Volume 1 of the Task Force Report can be viewed at www.lansingcso.com.

The message of the Task Force is that although construction may be frustrating at times, the City values stakeholder input and is committed to minimizing disruptions and maximizing project benefits. This approach will be continued for the duration of the project.

CSO Project Construction Updates

Downtown - Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

Traffic Updates:

Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please continue to patronize these businesses.

Seymour Street is tentatively scheduled to be paved September 28th.

Progress Report:

All utilities on Seymour Street are complete. The road has been graded and new curbs are in.

Lenawee Street is patched and paved.

The siphon chamber pipes were connected, concrete rip-rap was placed and the temporary dam was removed.

Paving began on Kalamazoo Street from Capitol Avenue to Washington Avenue and the east half of the Kalamazoo and Capitol intersection.

Work on the underground boring operation is nearing completion.

With underground work on Kalamazoo Street from Grand Avenue to Washington Avenue complete, road grading is underway.

This week, water main relocation and construction of the bore receiving pit on Grand Avenue at Washtenaw Street will begin.

023 – Michigan Avenue and Side Streets

Traffic Updates:

Good news! All streets are paved and open to traffic.

Final paving of Michigan Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Larch Street, and Cedar Street is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 15th.



Siphon chamber



Construction work on the railroad tracks at Shiawassee Street

Progress Report:

Pavement patching near railroad tracks on Michigan Avenue is complete, as is some parkway restoration.

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area

Traffic Updates:

A detour is posted for Shiawassee Street due to the work at the railroad tracks (replacement of the tracks and a 21-inch sewer pipe.) The detour will be in effect until this section receives final paving, which is expected to be completed on Friday, September 28.

Progress Report:

Road grading, curb, drive, and sidewalk replacement have begun with the completion of water main and storm sewer work, and sanitary sewer lead installation on Jerome Street.

On Dorrance and Genesee streets; curb, gutter, and drive approaches have been poured and gravel has been placed in the roadway. Parkway restoration is complete and base and leveling paving is expected to be completed today.

The drive approach and sidewalk placement on the west side of Haag Court is complete and a sanitary sewer is being installed.

013 Northwest – Turner and Carrier Street Area

Traffic Updates:

Turner and Carrier streets have been paved and striped and opened to traffic.

Progress Report:

Sewer spot repairs have been completed on Paulson, Carrier, Terminal, and Howe streets.

Water main installation is complete on Felt and Paulson streets.

With the gravel in place, paving on Howe, Paulson, and Felt streets is scheduled for October 1.

Parkway restoration on Turner Street is complete and winter drains are installed.



Howe Street



Thrust block at Oakland and Pennsylvania

018 Southeast – Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area

Traffic Updates:

Oakland Avenue is closed to through traffic between Clark and Ballard streets until the end of October. However, two-way traffic is open on Pennsylvania Avenue near Oakland Avenue.

Progress Report:

Except for the Pennsylvania Avenue and Ballard Street intersection, underground work on Oakland Avenue is complete.

Water main work is complete on Ballard and Farrand streets. Sanitary sewer construction has already begun on Farrand Street and will begin on Ballard Street, north of Porter Street, on October 1.

Underground utility work is complete on Porter Street west of Pennsylvania Avenue. Underground utility construction at the Porter Street/Pennsylvania Avenue intersection is scheduled to be complete this week. Underground utility work east of Pennsylvania Avenue has begun and will proceed to Johnson Avenue.

The new sewers have been partially televised. Televising is done to make sure all connections were properly made before the road receives final pavement.

CSO-013 West Project - Gier Neighborhood

Traffic Updates:

Creston, Gary, Harris, and Randolph streets are paved and open to traffic.

Progress Report:

Curb and gutter, concrete drive approaches, and parkway restoration have been completed on Creston, Gary, Harris, and Randolph streets.

Water service work and tie-ins on Gary and Creston streets are complete. Leveling course paving has also been completed.

On Jackson Street, sanitary sewer manholes were adjusted and televising is complete. Final paving has also been completed.



New sidewalk on Jackson Street

Other Lansing Area Construction Project Updates

Michigan Avenue “Streetscape” Project

Road building activities have begun at the Michigan/Washington intersection, with the completion of underground utility work. The curb and gutter for the traffic island has been placed. Within the next two weeks, the south and east crosswalks will be installed and paving will be completed. Brickwork installation will take the longest time. Construction of the intersection is estimated to be completed the week of October 15th.

Although the streetscape contract did not call for plants to be placed in the planting beds in the 100 blocks of Michigan Avenue this season, mums were added to beautify the corridor this fall.

The snowmelt system and sidewalk have been installed in front of the Lansing Center on the east side of Michigan Avenue. Construction is on hold until after The Capital City River Run Half Marathon & 5K that is taking place on September 30th. Construction on the streetscape and snowmelt system for the west half of the Lansing Center will begin the week of October 1st. This work should be completed by early November. Construction on the south side of Michigan Avenue between the Grand River and Cedar Street should start in mid-October.

Rain garden construction continues on the south side of Michigan Avenue. The rain gardens in the 800 and 900 blocks are expected to be completed at the end of October.



*Seasonal mums on
Michigan Avenue*



*“Streetscape” Construction
on Michigan Avenue*

North Washington “Streetscape”

The Washington Square “Streetscape” project in the 200 and 300 north blocks is finally moving beyond the relocation of underground utilities. The BWL steam line is currently being re-energized. The water main work is almost complete and the sanitary sewer and electrical duct repairs are complete. The telecommunication lines are also almost complete. The site grading in the 200 block is nearly complete and construction of the rain gardens should begin next week. Construction of the concrete curb and gutter will begin in early October. Paving is scheduled for early November.

Concrete pavement has been placed in the south half of the intersection of Shiawassee Street and westbound traffic has been shifted to the south side.

Thanks to the cooperation of CATA and LCC staff, most of the pedestrian issues have been resolved. Pedestrians should cross east-west through the project area on the north side of Shiawassee and avoid crossing on the south



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side. A safe walkway has been established on the north side sidewalk and this will be maintained.

Construction is expected to last through November and rain garden plantings will be installed next Spring.

Currently, Ionia Street is closed to all traffic. Shiawassee Street is open with one west bound lane and Ottawa is open with two west bound lanes. These closures will last for several weeks and advance notice will be provided for any changes.

An east-west pedestrian crossing is still open at Ionia Street. Pedestrians can travel north and south alongside the job site on both the east and west side.