

Menomonee River Parkway Renewal News Update

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Construction Phasing & Estimated Schedule

Phase One

Segment one:
W. Congress to N. Mayfair
4/6—6/1/2015

Segment two:
N. Mayfair to W. Burleigh
6/1—7/31/2015

Phase Two

W. Burleigh to Church
Approximately 2.5 miles

*(Plans are being finalized.
Estimated construction start
date in June)*



Parkway construction scheduled to begin April 6

Weather permitting, the general contractor for the Menomonee River Parkway project hopes to begin work on Phase One of the reconstruction April 6, 2015. Bruce Borden, project manager for general contractor Stark Asphalt, presented his plans at a kickoff meeting of the project team held March 12, at the Milwaukee County Parks office.

Borden plans to tackle Phase One work from W. Congress St. to W. Burleigh St. in two segments. Work would begin at W. Congress St. and progress south along the parkway to N. Mayfair Rd. completing that nearly one mile segment in eight weeks, on or around June 1.

When the W. Congress St. to N. Mayfair Rd. segment is complete, the contractor will proceed with work from N. Mayfair Rd. south to W. Burleigh St. with the goal of completing that one mile segment in the following eight weeks, on or around July 31. During this time the plans for Phase Two (the 2.5 mile stretch from W. Burleigh St. to Church St.) will be finalized, bid out, and awarded with a proposed construction start up in June, 2015. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

The construction timeline is weather dependent so cross your fingers and hope for

a dry Spring, as heavy rains could cause delays. As it stands, crews will be working ten hour days on a regular basis to meet the aggressive construction schedule for Phase One work. Some Saturday work may be necessary but is not planned at this time.



County staff lead the construction kickoff meeting attended by representatives from GAI, Stark Asphalt, Barricade Flasher, Simon Landscape, Peiper Electric, Century Fence, Sirrah Construction; and Wauwatosa DPW, Police, and Fire.

During both segments of Phase One, one lane will remain open for local traffic only. Commuters will be detoured a few blocks east and asked to use N. Mayfair Road when the Congress to Mayfair segment is under construction. When the Mayfair to Burleigh segment is under construction, the detour will take commuters a few blocks west to Hwy 100/ W. Keefe, and N. Menomonee River Parkway.

Services to residents will be minimally impacted during Phase One construction. With one lane remaining open at all times, mail delivery, garbage pickup, recycling, and police and fire service

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should continue as normal. All residents, businesses, and parkway users are asked to not park along the parkway during construction. Residents are encouraged to use their driveways and businesses and others, are asked to use their parking lots or side streets.

(When concrete is poured to connect your private driveway to the street, you will not be able to drive on that concrete for 7 days while the concrete cures. We are sorry for any inconvenience that occurs from having to park on side streets during that short time.)

Meet the construction team

As the project proceeds, we'll be introducing you to the people that are working to make it a success. We begin with John Abbott, Milwaukee County Department of Engineering, who will be on site coordinating construction on behalf of Milwaukee County. It's John's job to oversee the project and handle the issues that come up at the site.



Bruce Borden

Bruce Borden is the project manager representing the General Contractor, Stark Asphalt. He'll be working hard to make sure the project is of high quality and gets done on time.

If you have questions or issues that arise, Sarah Toomsen of the Milwaukee County Parks Department will be your point of contact. Her phone and email information is listed at the end of this news update.

News updates like this one will be produced every 4 to 6 weeks and distributed electronically to our E-blast list. In addition, the project website will have the latest news as well as copies of the project plans.



John Abbott

Access to the Currie Park Golf Course, Currie Dog Park, and Hartung Park playground and farmers market will remain open but no parking will be allowed on the parkway. Dog park users are asked to use the Capital Drive parking lot. The Oak Leaf Trail including access at Congress, will remain open though on-road facilities will be detoured to Glenway Street, Mayfair Road, Keefe Avenue, and the Menomonee River Parkway on the west side of the river.

Notices of construction startup will be delivered to property owners a week before construction begins.

Lagoon/wetland restoration update

Work continues on the project north of Burleigh transforming the lagoon into a restored wetland. Over the winter the progress has been timed with the appropriate soil conditions in the lagoon. The north half of the wetland restoration area has been graded and the organic soils from the lagoon have been spread over the area.

The south half grading has not started but will commence soon. The overflow structure, were the bridge used to be, is in place and provides pedestrian access around the west side of the area. An observation area with a fieldstone retaining wall has been started and will provide an overlook to the wetland. Restoration work and planting will begin this spring.

Questions may be directed to: Sarah Toomsen at (414) 257-7389
or via email at Sarah.Toomsen@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Project plans will be available for review online at: www.county.milwaukee.gov/MenomoneeRiverParkwayRenewal
Plans will also be on display at the Milwaukee County Parks offices located at 9480 West Watertown Plank Road (access off Discovery Parkway).