



April 6, 2020

Subject: 2nd Avenue and Delnor Avenue – Construction Update

Dear Resident:

The City acknowledges the concerns regarding our construction project as it related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your feedback and interest in public safety. We want to assure you that while the construction industry is pushing ahead and continuing to work, the City is currently considering all options for this project.

The COVID-19 issue is extremely dynamic and has forced staff to constantly re-evaluate the situation for advancing our construction projects. Regarding the 2nd Ave and Delnor Ave project, we are interested in finding the right balance between constructing a much needed public improvement, while at the same time maintaining resident safety and welfare. The City will not move forward with the project if we feel it creates a greater risk for you, our residents.

The City will be opening construction bids this week. After we receive our bids, City staff, working with the contractor, will determine a path forward. Options may include:

1. If the bids are higher than anticipated due to the current situation: The project may potentially be postponed to 2021, re-evaluated, re-budgeted and re-bid next winter.
2. The project may continue as planned, potentially with a later starting date.
3. Construction may be split into phases. The first phase will still be completed at some point in 2020, which would include the replacement of the water main, sanitary main and storm sewer lines. The roadway reconstruction, which typically is more challenging as it pertains to keeping driveway access, standard mail service, etc. available, would then be completed in 2021.

Thank you once again for your understanding. I will provide a follow up letter in the future, as a plan is established, which will include our anticipated construction scope and schedule. As always, please contact me directly regarding any concerns, comments or questions at (630) 377-4418 or kjay@stcharlesil.gov.

Sincerely,

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