

IL ROUTE 64 PROJECT UPDATE NOTICE

June 6, 2012



This notice will provide a brief update for all of the construction projects taking place along the IL Rt. 64 corridor through St. Charles. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact James Bernahl, Public Works Engineering Division Manager, at 630-377-4486.

IL Route 64 Traffic Signal Modernization and Improvement Program (7th Street to 7th Avenue):

- The City has recently been advised that IDOT is in the process of awarding the contract to Thorn Electric for the modernization and improvement to the existing traffic signals along on Main Street from 7th Street to 7th Avenue. This program involves the replacement of the existing traffic signals, installation of new pedestrian count down signals, utilization of LED components for energy cost savings, and improved traffic signal interconnect components.
- A pre-construction meeting with IDOT is expected to be scheduled shortly. More information about the construction schedule will be presented as this information becomes available.
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IL Route 64 (7th Avenue to IL Route 59):

- The Contractor has begun lane closures near the intersection of East Main Street and 7th Avenue and will be expanding these lane reductions easterly towards Hunt Club Drive. Work is expected to be at this location for the next few weeks, focusing on watermain installation and sanitary service repairs. Private Utility companies such as NICOR Gas, AT&T and ComEd will be working on relocating their infrastructure. Please be advised that temporary movement restrictions and road closures may be put into place by the St. Charles Police Department as deemed appropriate to improve travel times and overall safety.
- Note: Although this IDOT contract has been designed in two stages, during the weekly progress meetings the project has primarily been discussed as one large project, for that reason these updates will be presented in a similar format.

East Side Project Limits (38th Avenue to IL Route 59):

- The Contractor is continuing the installation of box culvert crossings and storm sewer work near the intersection of Powis Road and East Main Street. This work is expected to continue for the next two weeks.
- Meade Electric will continue work on the installation and turn on of temporary traffic signals.
- Work continues at the northeast corner of the new bridge near the intersection of East Main Street and Powis Road. Numerous utility conflicts have been encountered and relocation work for these items will be required.
- The bridge contractor, Herlihy Mid Continent Co., will begin the excavation for Piers 1 and 2 beginning next week.
- The contractor will begin the excavation of unsuitable materials near the intersection of East Main Street and Powis Road.
- The contractor will begin excavation for temporary pavements at the various side streets.

West Side Project Limits (7th Avenue to Kirk Road):

- Lane reductions near the intersection of East Main Street and Dunham Road will begin this week for work associated with the installation of the new water main on the north side of East Main Street. The construction limits for this work are from Dunham Road heading east for approximately 1,000 feet. During this work, lane reductions will be required and motorists can expect delays during normal business hours. Due to the lane reductions, west bound traffic looking to make a southbound movement onto Industrial Drive are strongly encouraged to utilize alternative routes, i.e. Kirk Road to Production Drive, to eliminate longer than normal delays. IDOT will be notifying the surrounding businesses regarding the reduction of the left turn lane and the expected delays to help reduce traffic congestion.
- Two crews continue to work on the installation of the new water main from 7th Avenue towards Hunt Club Drive. This work is expected to continue for the next few weeks with intermittent traffic delays.
- The Contractor expects to begin grinding the pavement on the south side of East Main Street between 7th Avenue and 13th Avenue starting Wednesday, June 13. Access onto adjoining side streets will be maintained during this work, but delays can be expected as work crosses intersections.
- NICOR crews are continuing their work near the southwest corner of Industrial Drive and East Main Street. This work is expected to continue for the next week.

St. Charles Riverfest Note: The Contractor has been reminded of the upcoming events near Downtown St. Charles this weekend (June 7 through June 10) and they will be taking extra precautions to ensure that all traffic control measures are in place and the job site is left in a safe condition. Have a safe weekend and enjoy all of the activities.