



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

FRANKLIN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

JULY 2024 UPDATE

To: Franklin Avenue Businesses

From: Kevin Wilson, PE
Resident Engineer (Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.)

We are writing to provide you with an important update on the ongoing construction on Franklin Avenue. In April, Plote Construction, Inc. resumed work on the south side of Franklin Avenue, from Runge Street to the I-294 Overpass. Significant progress has been made, including the installation of a new water main from Runge Street to Wolf Road, new fire hydrants, storm sewer installations, and pavement removal on the south side of Franklin Avenue from Runge Street to I-294.

During this spring construction phase, we encountered an unexpected issue with a shallow 20-inch diameter gas main between Runge Street and Wolf Road. Unfortunately, we cannot proceed with roadway improvements (excavation) until a section of this gas main is relocated. Nicor has prioritized the design and construction of this pipeline relocation, which is scheduled to begin in August and is expected to take about a month to complete. Once this gas main relocation is completed, we will resume the remaining roadway work from Runge Street to I-294, which we anticipate finishing by the end of 2024.

Additionally, ComEd is continuing cable relocations under I-294, which has delayed the construction of the storm sewer and water main installations from I-294 to Williams Drive. We expect this delay to be resolved by mid-August. Following the completion of ComEd's cable installations, we will begin storm sewer and water main work. We are optimistic that the full-width roadway work from I-294 to Williams Drive can be completed by the end of 2024. However, due to the extensive scope of work remaining from I-294 to Williams Drive, it may not be possible to construct all five lanes of pavement before the winter.

We appreciate your patience as the Village, Engineering Team, and Contractors work through these utility delays to complete this project as soon as possible. Our goal is to finish the remaining paved surfaces by the end of the year, allowing for the restoration of free-flowing traffic for all businesses.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Questions or Concerns

The Village of Franklin Park is aware of the disruption and inconvenience that will be caused and appreciates your patience and cooperation during this construction project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Consulting Resident Engineer, *Kevin Wilson* at (847) 833-0274 or the Village Engineer, *Tom McCabe* at (847) 671-8304.

For updates check the Village website:
http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/departments/engineering/construction_projects/

