

## Downtown Road Construction Planning Meeting #3

April 20, 2021 via Zoom

### City of Syracuse Water Dept Work – Commissioner Joe Awald [jawald@syrgov.net](mailto:jawald@syrgov.net)

- Two types of construction approaches will be used:
  - Open trench excavation (Jefferson St) – like what was seen on South Salina St; city will dig to expose infrastructure and then backfill and patch the pavement until the final paving can occur
  - Pipe Lining (Montgomery St) – pits will be dug at certain locations to provide the space to line the pipes. These will be smaller excavations.
- Work began at Madison Street on April 15<sup>th</sup> and next week, Phase 1B of the project will commence when an 8' by 6' pit will be dug between Jefferson and Madison and covered with a metal plate. Contractors will start to line the pipes on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Periphery valves will be installed to help with water service provision.
- Commissioner Awald provided a PowerPoint presentation with maps and timelines of the City Water Department's planned work this season.
  - Click [HERE](#) to view the 30 minute presentation (**enter Passcode: td+AV83q**) as written notes stopped when the recording started.
- **SPECIAL NOTE- If any property anticipates a water service upgrade, now is the time to do it. Please coordinate with city water department on any upgrade plans.**

### City of Syracuse Engineering Dept (Paving) Work – John Kivlehan [jkivlehan@syrgov.net](mailto:jkivlehan@syrgov.net)

- Bids received for the work on Clinton, Warren, Montgomery and Jefferson and are currently under review.
  - A reminder of project area for the streets mentioned above:
    - Clinton St – West Genesee to Jefferson St
    - Warren St – Erie Blvd to South Salina Street (adjacent to Billings Park)
    - Montgomery – Erie to Adams
    - Jefferson - Clinton to Montgomery
  - Clinton St, south of Jefferson St, is also slated for a two-way conversion. This works involves a new traffic signal placed on a mast arm at Jefferson St before paving work can commence. The city needs to rebid this project and it will be at least a 20-week lead time to order the traffic signal once a contractor is awarded the project.
- Unexpected full-deck reconstruction of the 300 block of Salina Street is needed. The 400 block of South Salina Street will also need significant reconstruction between the curbs. This was an unanticipated level of construction and adds additional cost to the project. Timeframe for work has not yet been established.
  - This will require full shut-down of the 300 block to all traffic for two (2) weeks to complete the work quickly and minimize disruption. Full shut down is the quickest and fastest way to perform the work.
  - On the 400 block, it is anticipated that there may be one-lane only traffic and parking would be eliminated to complete this work.
  - Businesses at the meeting requested the city look at phasing of all these paving projects and coordinate so that both Clinton and Salina are not under construction at the same time.
  - **A special meeting with 300 and 400 block area properties will be scheduled the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> for businesses to learn more about the project and share their operational information with the city to minimize impacts to businesses and customers/clients as much as possible.**

### National Grid – Chris Gorman [Christopher.Gorman@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Christopher.Gorman@nationalgrid.com)

- No updates

### NEW - One Stop Shop for Information – Eric Ennis [EEnnis@syrgov.net](mailto:EEnnis@syrgov.net)

- The city of Syracuse has launched a webpage that will house infrastructure construction-related information moving forward.

- Maps, meeting notes, the regular meeting Zoom link, etc. will be housed at this location for ease of reference and access by property and business owners and representatives.
- Website address: [www.syr.gov.net/infrastructure](http://www.syr.gov.net/infrastructure)
- If you do not already, please follow the city and Downtown Committee on social media so that you will see these updates:
  - City Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Syracuse1848/>
  - City Instagram page: [@Syracuse1848](https://www.instagram.com/Syracuse1848)
  - Downtown Committee Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DowntownSyracuse/>
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**Additional Comments:**

- **Businesses – please communicate any ideas you have about how city, Downtown Committee and others can best mitigate disruptions.**
- Please see the following in response to an inquiry on moratoriums on street-cut repairs after municipal paving projects:

*(d) Moratorium. Effective as of November 1, 2016 there are hereby established the following moratoriums on work covered under this section:*

*(1) There shall be a five-year moratorium from the date of mill and pave or overlay work on road cuts by anyone other than the city or contractors hired by the city on roads that have had mill and pave or overlay work performed on them by the city. In order to waive the moratorium restriction, a letter must be sent to the commissioner of the department of public works requesting the waiver and citing the rationale for the waiver request and said request must be granted approval by the commissioner of the department of public works.*

*(2) There shall be a seven-year moratorium from the date of reconstruction on road cuts by anyone other than the city or contractors hired by the city on roads newly reconstructed by the city. In order to waive the moratorium restriction, a letter must be sent to the commissioner of the department of public works requesting the waiver and citing the rationale for the waiver request and said request must be granted approval by the commissioner of the department of public works.*

*(3) There shall be a moratorium on road cuts by anyone other than the city or contractors hired by the city during the winter. For purposes of this section winter shall include dates between November 1 and February 28 of each year. In order to waive the moratorium restriction, a letter must be sent to the commissioner of the department of public works requesting the waiver and citing the rationale for the waiver request and said request must be granted approval by the commissioner of the department of public works.*

*(4) In the event of a gas or electrical emergency all moratorium requirements will be waived.*

**Next Meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup> -- Meetings will be hosted via Zoom every other week on Tuesdays @ 8:30 am.**

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