

Main Street Summary September 2020

September was another very productive month; work was primarily focused on the west leg of Main Street. Main Street was in the Stage One traffic configuration until the City of Batavia authorized the contractor to excavate the full width of the roadway to expedite the schedule; IL 31 remains in the Stage One traffic configuration.

Both AT&T and Nicor continued work on underground infrastructure. AT&T completed the duct relocations on IL 31 from First Street to Elm Street. Their progress took longer than expected because they had to construct a cast-in-place vault at Elm Street because of a conflict with existing sanitary sewer. AT&T will be back onsite for hand hole and frame adjustments after curb is installed. While AT&T was relocating duct at Elm and IL 31, they discovered a shallow gas main that conflicts with the roadway excavation. BLA coordinated with Nicor and got the gas main lowered.

The City and BLA met with Comcast to coordinate relocating overhead wires at the west end of the project. These overhead wires are directly over the parkway storm sewer and make it very difficult for the contractor to install the sewer. Comcast determined the configuration of the overhead wires was not conducive to relocation. Metronet's overhead wires were also in conflict with the storm sewer installation and could not be easily relocated. The contractor offered to install the storm sewer with a small excavator; this will not be an easy task because the storm sewer is approximately eight feet deep.

The contractor's multiple crews completed sanitary services, water services, storm sewer, watermain, underground storage tank removal, forcemain relocations and yard inlets. Mid-month, the contractor began roadway excavation; crews started at Main Street and Water Street and worked west. Before beginning the roadway excavation, crews had to excavate and stone the sidewalks, so residents had access to their homes. BLA notified the residents of the excavation one block at a time. Residents parked on side streets until stone access was provided to their driveways. Roadway excavation was completed all the way to the Jackson intersection.



Towards the end of the month, the contractor mobilized his concrete subcontractor to install curb. The first task was setting a stringline and fine grading the curb line. The stringline controls the alignment and grade of the slipform curb machine. The concrete subcontractor successfully installed curb on Main Street from Water to Jackson. Prior to curb installation, BLA notified all the residents they would be out of their driveways for two weeks. During this two-week timeframe, the contractor installed curb, sidewalk, driveways and the first layer of asphalt.

In October, the contractor will continue with storm sewer and roadway excavation at the west end of Main Street; they will also begin storm sewer and IL 31 roadway excavation. IL 31 curb, sidewalk and binder are scheduled in November.

