



June 8, 2010

Businesses and Residents
Michigan Avenue and Huron Street Area
City of Ypsilanti

Re: Michigan Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements
Notification Letter

Beginning this weekend, June 12, 2010, a contractor for the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) will begin replacement of the existing sanitary sewer along Michigan Avenue between Huron Street and the Huron River. This project is urgent in nature as YCUA has an existing sanitary sewer pipe that is partially collapsed. Unfortunately, the damaged pipe is located in the west abutment of the bridge carrying Michigan Avenue over the Huron River.

Recognizing the disruption typically associated with underground construction, YCUA has attempted to repair the existing pipe without excavating the area. Those attempts have been unsuccessful, and have actually caused the pipe to deteriorate to the point that collapse is imminent. Faced with the potential collapse and the location of the damaged pipe in the bridge structure, YCUA has determined that constructing a new sanitary sewer across Michigan Avenue and connecting to existing sanitary sewer behind the buildings north of Michigan Avenue is the most prudent course of action in order to maintain public health, safety and welfare.

Work is scheduled to begin Saturday, June 12, 2010. Michigan Avenue will be closed between Huron Street and River Street with a detour posted. The intent is to install a new sanitary sewer pipe across Michigan Avenue from just east of Ypsilanti Bank to the sidewalk immediately south of the alley on the north side of the road by the end of the day Sunday, June 13, 2010. Michigan Avenue will be reopened to traffic by 5:00 a.m. local time on Monday, June 14, 2010. In all likelihood, permanent pavement restoration will not occur on Michigan Avenue until a subsequent weekend.

Once the new sanitary sewer is installed across Michigan Avenue, new sanitary sewer will continue to be installed north through the alley, with the limit of work potentially being as far north as past the existing trash dumpster near where the alley starts curving down the hill into Riverside Park. During this phase of the construction, access to the parking areas located north of the properties on Michigan Avenue will be prohibited. Alternate parking areas will be available in the City-owned lots west of Huron Street both south and north of Michigan Avenue. It is anticipated that this phase of the construction may take up to one week to complete.

The final phase of the project will entail permanent restoration of the pavement surfaces that are disrupted by the sanitary sewer installation. As stated previously, Michigan Avenue restoration can only occur on a weekend, this is a requirement of the Michigan Department of Transportation. It is anticipated that restoration of the pavement should be completed within 2 to 3 days.

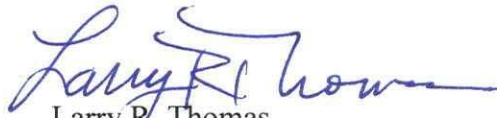
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Safety is the most important aspect of the project. Please work with us in respecting all signs and construction zones. During the placement of any asphalt, please keep clear of the area. Avoid contact with the hot asphalt when on foot, bikes or roller blades until the surface has cooled, typically 4-6 hours. Burns are possible from contact with hot asphalt.

Your patience and cooperation in working with us on this project is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or complaints about the project please contact Scott Westover of YCUA at (734) 484-4600 ext. 220. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Larry R. Thomas
Director

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