



Village of Cottage Grove

Department of Public Works

Director's Monthly Report to the Public Works & Properties Committee

July 6, 2021

Glacial Drumlin Trail Project

There was a pre-construction meeting on June 18th. Contractor plans to begin work on the western path portion first, with less street work. Alliant still has to get in and bury their electric lines & plans to do so prior to Huston's crews working on the street portion between Main St. and Bass.

Clark & Grove St. Reconstruction Project

Village Engineer and legal team continue working on agreement with property owner for stormwater pond. Soil borings were completed, and preliminary information shared with the property owner for the borings taken on their site where the future stormwater pond will be.

BB/Buss Project

Construction itself has progressed well. The closure has created some concerns, particularly from Town residents, as traffic has increased on particular streets as drivers take other routes around the project. Staff met with representatives from the Town and Dane County to talk about the concerns.

Storm Sewer Work

Staff has been working on cleaning a number of stormwater outfalls and making various repairs. Many of these are in difficult-to-access backyards; making the work challenging for staff.

CTH N/Main St. Chipsealing

Fahrner Asphalt is planning to coordinate our chipseal work with other work they have in the area. Tentatively it's looking like the second or third week in July. Dane County will handle re-stripping for us.

Sidewalk Work

Sawcut repairs are completed for the year and staff will be coordinating replacement work with our local contractor as schedules allow.

Facility Study underway

Architects from FGM have continued to develop the facility study. Staff met with their team last week and saw initial layouts of our Village facilities; Village Hall, the Municipal Services Building and the Public Works Shop and how they fit now and with anticipated space needs as the community continues to grow.

Engineering Firm Update

The Village will be transitioning to a new firm for engineering services. Moving forward Strand Associates will be taking over duties as the Village's engineering services provider. MSA will continue through completion of all ongoing projects. So, for the foreseeable future there will be times when representatives from Strand and MSA may be in attendance at these meetings.

Position Update

The Village Board approved adding the title of Deputy Administrator to my Director of Public Works responsibilities at the June 21st meeting. As a part of this transition the Village will look to add a new management level position to the Public Works Department in 2022 with more specific discussion and details to come during budget meetings.