



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

March 21, 2025

Non-Motorized Transportation Infrastructure Information-Fourth Mailer/Notice/Update **Please Keep for Future Reference**

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident/Property Owner:

The City of East Grand Rapids went through a multi-year public engagement process in 2021 and 2022 towards developing a community Mobility/Bike Action Plan in 2022. Since its adoption, the city has implemented many of the noted facilities regarding bike lanes/routes, additional pavement markings, and associated signage to improve non-motorized infrastructure for pedestrian experience and safety. One of the areas noted for desired infrastructure improvements is the Robinson and Cascade Road corridor. This same east/west corridor is also noted in City of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township connections in their respective non-motorized community plans. For more information on the City of East Grand Rapids Mobility-Bike Action Plan, please visit www.eastgrmi.gov and search "Mobility-Bike Action Plan."

With the infrastructure need identified by the East Grand Rapids community and neighboring jurisdictions, the city proposed a project for Federal grant funding consideration and was awarded ~\$780,000 in grant funds, with a local match requirement of ~\$360,000, covered by the City of East Grand Rapids, to fund a sidewalk/side path on the southside of Robinson and Cascade Road from Plymouth Road to Manhattan Park adjacent to the East Beltline. This means there is no direct cost for this infrastructure improvement project.

The Robinson and Cascade Road corridor from Plymouth Road to East Beltline is under the right-of-way (ROW) jurisdiction of the Kent County Road Commission (KCRC). The KCRC has approved an intergovernmental agreement/permit with the City of East Grand Rapids for the construction of construction of a 5-foot wide, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete sidewalk and future maintenance of sidewalk/side path infrastructure in their ROW.

Project Locations:

- Southside of Robinson Road from Plymouth Road to Cascade Road
- Southside of Cascade Road to Manhattan Park at East Beltline

Contractor/Inspectors:

- The General Contractor is Brenner Excavating, LLC
- Inspectors on-site will be from the City of East Grand Rapids Engineering team, Prein & Newhof Engineering and MDOT.

Timeframe:

- March 31, 2025-June 23, 2025

General Information:

- In advance of the project commencing, the City of East Grand Rapids Department of Public Works, KCRC, and private utilities (Consumers Energy, DTE), etc. have been or will be relocating any utility conflicts in coordination with the project.
- Construction may take place between the hours of 7am-9pm Monday through Saturday as allowed by City Ordinance, however, most construction is anticipated to take place between the hours of 7am-6pm Monday through Friday.

- Construction progress may be constrained by weather, availability of materials, scheduling conflicts, and/or unforeseen emergencies. With these variables, it is not possible to give exact time frames to accommodate events like parties, garage sales, parties, or other celebrations/events. With this notice, please consider planning these activities accordingly.
- The contractor will maintain emergency vehicle access.
- Traffic control during the project includes traffic shifts or flagger crews to keep both roads open to traffic during the project.
- Driveway approaches that need to be replaced may create a short-term impact during removals and while concrete is placed and cures. Access to property will be maintained (half of the drive approach at a time). Alternatively, designated on-street parking will be made available, related to traffic shift traffic control that will be provided. The contractor will coordinate with residents on a case-by-case basis as needed.
- Yard waste/compost service will continue in the impacted area of construction in accordance with the regular yard waste schedule.
- Private waste/recycling haulers licensed with the city have been contacted in advance of the project so they can make any adjustments if needed.
- The local post office has been contacted to inform them of the projects so they can make any adjustments if needed.
- Mailboxes typically will stay where they are, or depending on the location, relocated to the standard location off the curb to meet the USPS requirements. They will not “overhang the road”. Sidewalk may be widened slightly at mailbox locations to maintain at least 4’ to 5’ of clear sidewalk behind the mailbox to maintain ADA access.
- Any out-lawn restorations in the impacted project area will be completed at the end of the project by the contractor. A care guide for restorations is available via the construction updates web page.
- Project limits have been video recorded in advance of the project to verify existing area conditions before construction begins.
- If you have an irrigation system that is placed in the right of way (generally between Consumers utility poles and the curb), please mark it in advance with stakes or flags labeled “irrigation” to help prevent damage if any spot curb replacement takes place adjacent to your property. The contractor will make necessary repairs if an irrigation system is damaged at the end of the project.

To view plans, and follow project updates, etc. please visit www.eastgrmi.gov and click on the construction updates quick link or scan the QR code provided below.



Construction Updates-Above



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The city appreciates your patience and understanding as important infrastructure is constructed that will serve the community for the future. Questions may be directed to the city by calling the Department of Public Works at 616-940-4817.

Respectfully-
East Grand Rapids Department of Public Works

