

GRAND AVE IMPROVEMENTS – SECTION VI (CHICAGO AVE to DAMEN AVENUE)

Start Date - March 21, 2022

Tentative Completion Date – July 8, 2023

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES (MAJOR STREETS) for week of May 22nd

No parking restrictions are in place on Grand Ave. between Western Ave. to about 300 east of Damen Ave. Traffic control has been erected to close the north side of Grand Ave. and shift both lanes of traffic to the south side. The left turn lanes on Grand Ave. at Damen Ave. have been temporarily removed in this traffic configuration. A wooden temporary bus loading platform has been installed at the westbound Grand Ave stop at Damen. This platform is to be used for wheelchair accessibility for the bus stop.
Impact to traffic flow: **MEDIUM** (5 to 10 minute delay)

No parking restrictions are in place on Damen Ave. between Race Ave. and Hubbard Street. Traffic control has been erected to close the west side of Damen Ave. and shift both lanes of traffic to the east side. There are no separate left turn lanes for northbound or southbound on Damen Ave.

CTA - Damen Ave (Route 50) southbound bus stop at Grand temporarily closed - use Hubbard stop.

Impact to traffic flow: **MEDIUM** (less than 5 minute delay)

No parking restrictions are in place on Western Ave. between Hubbard St. and Ohio St. Due to inclement weather last week and scheduling conflicts, the Western Avenue traffic shift will occur today, Monday 5/15. Western Ave. traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction shifted west onto the southbound lanes and the northbound lanes closed. The north and south left turn lanes will remain.

Impact to traffic flow: **MEDIUM** (5 to 10 minute delay)

No permanent driveway or street access closures are scheduled between Western Ave and Damen Ave. Accesses to businesses are open. Please be advised there will be short term temporary driveway closures or business entrance disruption at times to facilitate the removal of sidewalk and driveway operations. Contractor will attempt to advise property owner prior to temporarily closing any access.

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WORK COMPLETED LAST WEEK: May 15 to May 21

Traffic shift on Western was completed.

The electrical subcontractor continued installation of underground conduits for the new street lighting along the north side between Claremont and Western. Underground conduit was installed along the west side of Damen from Grand north to the utility pole in the alley.

The contractor prepared aggregate subbase for the proposed curbs from Leavitt to Oakley. Structure adjustments were completed between Leavitt and Oakley. Contractor prepared and poured multiple driveways between Western and Leavitt. Sidewalk on Damen north of Grand Ave. was removed.

Proposed bus pads at Damen and Hoyne intersections were poured.

Contractor continued installing catch basins and sewer laterals between California Ave. and Rockwell Ave.

Waterproofing, wall drainage panels, and aggregate placement around perforated drainage pipe was performed in the Western Triangle retaining wall area.

SCHEDULED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES for the week of May 22 to May 28

Traffic control on Hoyne, Leavitt and Oakley should be installed to reduce traffic to one lane to begin work on ADA ramps, complete electrical connection, and begin raised crosswalks.

Additional drainage structure and sewer pipe should be installed between Hoyne and Leavitt in the gapped area of the curb to allow the gapped area of curb to be prepared and formed. Existing curb & gutter and will be removed and additional drainage structure and sewer pipe should be installed along the west side of Oakley north of Grand. Catch basins and storm sewer laterals will be installed along Grand between Rockwell and Campbell.

Curb & gutter should be poured between Leavitt and Oakley. Curb & gutter aggregate subbase installation and framing should be completed between Oakley and Western.

Sight screening installation on the temporary fence will be completed between Leavitt and Damen.

The existing pavement will be removed at the northwest corner of Damen.

The electrical subcontractor will begin the remaining underground connections at the side-street intersections through the ADA ramp areas. Helix foundations will be installed between Damen and Leavitt. Underground conduit and traffic signal foundations will be completed at the northwest corner of Damen and Grand and begin at the northwest corner of Oakley.

Preparation of sidewalk subbase and utility adjustments in sidewalk areas between Damen and Leavitt should begin.

Work should continue within the retaining wall at the sculpture plaza on the southwest corner of Grand/Western including installation of new soil installed within the retaining wall area. Earth excavation and preparation of sidewalks should begin at the Western Triangle.

ACCESS TO BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENTRANCES MAY BE TEMPORARILY IMPACTED DURING THE CURB & GUTTER INSTALLATION OPERATIONS WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS IN THE AREA FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO AN HOUR TO; EXCAVATE AND PREPARE THE SUBBASE; FORM THE NEW CURB & GUTTER; AND WHILE POURING THE NEW CURBS. CURB & GUTTER ACROSS DRIVEWAYS WILL BE SKIPPED FOR NOW AS THESE AREAS WILL BE COODRNATED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND WILL BE POURED WITH THE DRIVEWAYS TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS. CURE TIME FOR THE DRIVEWAYS IS 3 DAYS. THE CONTRACTOR WILL PROVIDE RAMPS ACROSS THE CURB & GUTTER DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS AND CURE PERIOD. TEMPORARY STONE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED ONCE THE CURBS HAVE CURED UNTIL THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK IS INSTALLED.

SCHEDULED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES for the week of May 29 to June 4

The contractor will continue to excavate and place aggregate subbase for the proposed curbs from Leavitt to Western. Concrete subcontractor should begin framing the proposed curbs between Leavitt and Western. Preparation of sidewalk subbase and utility adjustments in sidewalk areas should continue. Sidewalks should be poured beginning at Damen and working westward.

ADA corners may be removed, and raised crosswalks may begin on the sidestreets at Hoyne and Leavitt. Remaining driveways between Hoyne and Damen will be poured. ADA ramp and pcc basecourse should be poured at the northwest corner of Damen.

Storm sewer catch basins and laterals should be completed between Rockwell and Western.

Underground conduit and traffic signal foundations will be completed at the northwest corner of Damen and Grand and begin at the northeast corner of Oakley. Helix foundations will be installed after the new curbs are poured and framing removed between Leaviit and Oakley. Bus pad areas will be excavated and prepared between Oakly and Western. Driveways should be installed between Leavitt and Oakley.

Earth excavation and preparation of sidewalks should continue at the Western Triangle.

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NEAR FUTURE ACITIVITIES

The Grand Ave. traffic control is scheduled to be extended west from Artesian Ave. to Rockwell Street the week of 6/5.

ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF WEATHER

In all construction areas:

- Please observe all regulatory traffic signs
- Be sure to slow down and keep alert while driving through the work zones
- Keep children and pets out of work areas
- Visit your local businesses that are open during construction
- Dust and noise can be prevalent, please take proper precautions
- Grand Ave. is a signed bicycle route. Traffic lanes are to be shared with bicycles.
- Please notify 311 if you see suspicious activity or Chicago Police at 312-746-6000 if you see a crime in progress such as theft or vandalism. The Contractor is currently experiencing theft of equipment and materials.