

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

Start Date - March 21, 2022  
Tentative Completion Date – Summer, 2023

### **TRAFFIC ADVISORIES (MAJOR STREETS) for week of September 19th**

No parking restrictions are in effect on Grand Ave. from Chicago Ave. to about 300 east of Damen Ave. Traffic control has been erected to close the south side of Grand Ave. and shift both lanes of traffic to the north side. The left turn lanes on Grand Ave. at Damen Ave and Western Ave. have been temporarily removed in this traffic configuration.

CTA - Grand Ave (Route 65) bus stop temporarily relocated to the east side of Damen Ave.  
Impact to traffic flow: **MEDIUM** (less than 5 minute delay)

No parking restrictions are in place on Damen Ave. between Race Ave. and Hubbard Street. Traffic control has been modified to close the east side of Damen Ave. and shift both lanes of traffic to the westside.

CTA - Damen Ave (Route 50) bus SB stop at Grand is reopened, NB stop will be relocated north of Damen Ave. at Race Ave.

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

Western Ave. traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction, shifted towards the east. The northbound and southbound left turn lanes will remain open. Parking is allowed in the closed area but please be sure to abide by the temporary no parking signs that are posted or risk being towed.

CTA - Western Ave (Route 49) southbound bus stop at Grand Ave. will be impacted

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

Please be advised there is always a possibility for short term temporary driveway closures or business entrance disruption at any time to facilitate a specific construction activity or unanticipated emergency. Contractor will attempt to advise the property owner prior to temporarily closing any access. Once the contractor begins the concrete placement operation, driveways will generally be done in two stages if wide enough to keep access at all times. If a driveway is less than 16 feet wide it cannot be done in stages and once installed it will need a minimum of 72 hours to cure before it can be opened to vehicular traffic. Please email us at [bmeGLEI@accgi.com](mailto:bmeGLEI@accgi.com) if you have special delivery dates that we can try to schedule around.

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## **WORK COMPLETED THIS WEEK: September 12 – September 18**

**CONCRETE WORK HAS RESUMED HOWEVER THERE IS NOW AN APPARENT SUPPLY ISSUE WITH CEMENT, THE KEY INGREDIENT IN CONCRETE. See <https://www.foxbusiness.com/economy/labor-cement-shortage-industry-leader-economy>. AS SUCH, WE ARE CAUTIOUS IN REMOVING ANY ADDITIONAL CONCRETE AS THERE MAY NOT ENOUGH CONCRETE AVAILABLE TO REPLACE. IT IS THE INTENT TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE SOUTH SIDE PRIOR TO WINTER WEATHER. THE NORTH SIDE MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SEASON.**

### Leavitt St. to Damen Ave. (south side)

Poured remaining concrete curbs, base course pavement at Damen and Hoyne Intersections. Poured ADA ramps at Hoyne intersection. Placed remaining sidewalk areas between Damen and east of Leavitt. New private construction east of Leavitt has prevented the installation of all remaining sidewalk.

### Western Ave. to Leavitt St. (south side)

Poured concrete curbs at Western and Oakley. Poured remaining base course pavement at Leavitt and between Oakley and Western. Traffic has been shifted on Oakley to the east which will allow the contractor to complete the southwest corner. Existing asphalt edge was ground between Western and east of Oakley.

### Rockwell St. to Western Ave. (south side)

Formed and poured retaining wall around the sculpture. Water Department was able to complete the resurfacing on Campbell. Completed underground electrical installations along Grand and started conduit crossings across Grand Ave.

### Chicago Ave. to Rockwell Ave. (south side)

Contractor continued to prepare subgrade and installation of granular subbase west of Rockwell. Completed underground electrical installations along Grand and started conduit crossings across Grand Ave.

## **SCHEDULED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES for week of September 19 – September 25**

Within the closed area (south side of Grand),

### Leavitt St. to Damen Ave.

OEMC should be relocating their cable within the next week. Department of Water should be restoring the concrete pavement at the Hoyne intersection within the next two weeks which will remove the large bumps in the eastbound lane.

### Western Ave. to Leavitt St.

OEMC should be relocating their cable within the next week. Contractor will be replacing curb, ADA ramps and remaining sidewalks at Oakley.

### Rockwell St. to Western Ave.

Contractor will begin forming and replacing curb & gutter west of Western. Contractor may begin placing pcc base course pavement. The city has a separate contract beginning within the next couple of weeks to repaint the existing steel sculpture at the southwest corner of Western and Grand Ave. Installation of electrical hand holes and light pole foundations should begin.

### Chicago Ave. to Rockwell Ave.

Contractor will continue installation of aggregate sub-base west of Rockwell. Installation of electrical hand holes and light pole foundations should begin.

Temporary access to driveways and entrances may be temporarily impacted during the subgrade preparation and underground conduit installations but the contractor will re-install temporary access immediately following to minimize impacts. If you have any special accommodations, please let us know.

## **NEAR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

After the completion of the work at southeast corner of Western and Grand, the Western Ave traffic will be shifted to the eastside to allow the west side of Western Ave. to be closed.

### **Overall Master Schedule:**

Stage 1 – South side of Grand Ave. from Damen Ave. to Western Ave. anticipated completion June 3 **(revised to September 30)**

Stage 2 – South side of Grand Ave. from Western Ave. to Chicago Ave. begin May 23, anticipated completion July 22. **(revised to November 4)**

Stage 3 – North side of Grand Ave. from Damen Ave. to Western Ave. begin July 18, anticipated completion September 9. **(revised to begin October 3 but will likely be postponed until Spring of 2023 due to cement shortage )**

Stage 4 – North side of Grand Ave. from Western Ave. to Chicago Ave. begin August 15, anticipated completion October 14. **(likely be postponed until Spring of 2023 due to cement shortage)**

Final asphalt surface and roadway striping for entire project week of October 17 **(south side likely November 7<sup>th</sup>, north side summer 2023)**

Trees, landscape plantings, signs, sidewalk amenities and final punch list October 24 to November 23. **(revised to November 30 for the south side and likely next summer for the north side from Chicago Ave. to Damen Ave.)**

ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF WEATHER AND CURRENT STRIKE.

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 bike route. Traffic lanes are to be shared lanes with bikes.
- Notify 311 if you see any suspicious activity or Chicago Police at 312-746-6000 if you see a crime in progress such as theft or vandalism.