



Ashworth Road Improvements Project | 1st Street to 50th Street

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens during construction adjacent to my property? Will I have access? Will the mail still be delivered? Will I get a new driveway?

- Access to your property will be maintained throughout construction. At times, a temporary roadway may be constructed from granular material in order to reach each driveway.
- Driveway sections within the right-of-way will be removed and replaced. In some cases, the driveway will require removal and replacement beyond the right-of-way to accommodate slight changes in elevation of the roadways. In this case a temporary construction easement will be required, see section on temporary construction easements below.
- Garbage service will be maintained throughout construction. In the case of garbage and recycling services you will put your garbage bin on the end of your driveway like normal and the contractor will facilitate moving the garbage bins to a location at the end of the construction project for pick up. They will then return the bins to your driveway.
- Mail delivery will be maintained. The mail will be delivered normally with the postal service utilizing temporary pedestrian access when necessary. In the case of a mailbox located along the curb of the roadway those mailboxes may be temporarily relocated to the end of the construction project.

Right-of-way Acquisition and Temporary Construction Easements

- The existing property/right-of-way line between the City owned right-of-way and private property is typically located approximately one foot behind the existing sidewalk furthest from the street.
- If the street, sidewalk, or trail needs to be installed beyond the existing property/right-of-way line the City will need to acquire/purchase the necessary area from you. In this case you would be contacted to discuss the area in detail, review the plans, and negotiate the purchase of the right-of-way.
- In many cases a temporary construction easement will be needed beyond the existing and/or purchased City property/right-of-way. Temporary construction easements allow the contractor space to work to properly install the street, utilities, sidewalks, and shared use paths. The contractor will restore and replace any disturbed grass/lawn in the area. The temporary construction easement does not allow the placement of permanent utilities, sidewalk, and/or



shared use path on your property. Similarly, to cases of right-of-way acquisition you would be contacted to discuss the area in detail, review the plans, and negotiate the purchase of the temporary construction easement.

Whom do I contact if I have construction issues to report?

- Shortly before construction begins you will be given contact information for the appropriate City staff (and consultants if applicable) who will be in charge of construction. These individuals will be on the project site the majority of construction and thus are typically the quickest to respond to any issues. More broadly Jason Schlickbernd, Principal Engineer for the City, is responsible for all capital improvement projects such as Ashworth Road Reconfiguration. Jason can be reached at 515-222-3475 and emailed at jason.schlickbernd@wdm.iowa.gov.
- We understand construction adjacent to your property is an inconvenience, it is our goal to reduce that as much as possible while still being able to efficiently reconstruct the roadway.

Will I have to remove snow from the shared use path?

- No, the City is responsible for all maintenance, including snow removal, of the shared use paths within the City. Sidewalks are maintained by adjacent property owners.

What if I have landscaping or irrigation within the City right-of-way?

- Any private items such as irrigation lines, brick mailboxes, carriage walks, trees, landscaping, non-connected drive approaches, and other non-permitted structures and objects located in the City ROW between the street curb and the sidewalk within the construction limits will be at risk and may be removed as part of this street reconstruction. If private and non-permitted items within the City ROW are required to be removed due to the construction or City policy, they will not be replaced as part of the project per City policy. If property owners wish to salvage private and non-permitted items located within City ROW, they need to make their own arrangements to remove these items prior to the start of construction.

Project Financing

- The City currently intends for the projects included here to be financed through the City's Capital Improvement Program. City Staff are looking into options for alternative State and Federal funding sources.

City Elected Officials and Staff would like to thank all affected parties for their consideration and cooperation in completion of these projects. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact:

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