

March 16, 2010

Plans are underway to reconstruct the 100 & 200 blocks of Russell Street. East Main Street from Mercer to the east city limits will also be repaved. The Russell St. portion of the project will include installing new curb & gutter and reconstructing the street base and surface. New water, sanitary and storm sewer mains and related structures will also be installed. New water and sewer service leads will be installed to the property line for each home. Each new water service lead will include a new curb stop valve. Construction is scheduled to begin on Russell St. on or about May 18, 2010. The E. Main St. portion is scheduled to begin on or about June 14, 2010. The contract requires all work to be completed by August 16, 2010. Due to the extent of the work on Russell Street, a temporary access road will be constructed at the north end of Russell. The access road will extend from Russell to the north end of Atwater Street. Any residents or visitors who do not live on Russell Street will be required to use this access route. Access to the homes that are on Russell Street will be maintained as much as possible. There will be brief periods of time that Russell Street residents will not have access to their driveways. The contractor will contact each resident if the work they are doing will interfere with accessing driveways. This will be kept to a minimum but it is unavoidable. The E. Main Street portion of the project will consist of installing new water main between the curb and sidewalk from Fitch to Detroit Streets. The top layer of pavement will be milled off and repaved from Russell to Mercer Streets. This process is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete. During this process traffic will be restricted to one lane. Construction flag crews and electronic arrow boards will be in place to alternate traffic flow.

The Main Street portion of this project is being partly funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds. The Russell Street portion is being partly funded through Small Urban Area, Federal Transportation Funds. The total estimated cost for both projects is \$712,000.00 dollars. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to review the construction plans or if you have any questions throughout the project. I can be contacted via email at smince@durandmi.com or by phone at (989) 288-3113, Ext. 107.

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