

Village of La Grange

La Grange Road, Ogden Avenue, and Locust Avenue Intersection Improvements

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

March 15, 2017



Dear Residents, Property Owners and Business Owners:

The Village is pleased to announce that the La Grange Road, Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue Intersection Improvement Project is tentatively planned to start on Monday, April 17, 2017. This project is a cooperative effort between the Village, IDOT, and Opus to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at this intersection. The contract for this project was awarded to the joint venture of Alliance Contractors and Home Towne Electric. The scope of work for the project includes the following:

- Installation of a new right turn lane from west bound Ogden Avenue to north bound La Grange Road
- Turning radius improvements at the four corners of the intersection of La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue
- Installation of a new storm sewer on Ogden Avenue
- Replacement of traffic signals at the intersection of La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue
- Replacement of street lights within the project corridor on Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road
- Installation of a new traffic signal and pedestrian crossing at Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue (Commuter Parking Lot 14 / Entrance to Gordon Park)
- Resurfacing of the roadways within the project corridor
- Installation of new sidewalks along the north side of Ogden Avenue between La Grange Road and Lot 14

Construction is expected to occur throughout the summer and fall with an anticipated completion date in November, 2017 depending on weather. Generally the contractor will be working between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and depending on progress, Saturday, from 8 am to 5 pm.

In order to construct the project La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue will be limited to one lane in each direction during various periods of the project. The significance of these lane restrictions is that we anticipate substantial traffic congestion through this intersection and surrounding area especially during the early morning and evening commutes. We recommend that motorists select alternative routes to avoid the anticipated congestion at this intersection. Also, we recommend that you notify

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visitors and delivery companies of the impending construction. Throughout the project the La Grange Police Department will be monitoring local roadways for violators of local traffic laws such as truck traffic on local roadways. Please drive cautiously through the work zone and be aware of equipment and workers, and as always the use of mobile phones while driving is prohibited.

The construction sequence for the project will generally be as follows:

- Install temporary traffic signals at La Grange and Ogden Avenue
- Construct new intersection at Ogden and Locust Avenues
- Construct new storm sewer on Ogden Avenue
- Construct new right turn lane on Ogden Avenue
- Install new traffic signal at La Grange Road and Ogden Avenue
- Install new traffic signal at Ogden Avenue and Locust Avenue
- Install new street lighting on Ogden Avenue and La Grange Road
- Construct new sidewalk on Ogden Avenue
- Resurface and stripe new roadway

During the project, the contractor will maintain access to Locust Avenue, Uptown Development, Lot 14 and Gordon Park through the entrance on Ogden Avenue. Also, pedestrian access will be maintained to these facilities with a temporary walkway on the north side of Ogden Avenue to La Grange Road.

We plan to provide periodic updates on construction operations, changes to traffic detours and progress through notifications similar to this one. Also, construction notices of impending construction activities that may affect traffic, parking, utilities, or other issues will be provided in advance of those operations.

Lastly, in advance of the project Nicor gas will be relocating several gas mains within the intersection starting the week of March 20. The gas mains are required to be relocated to avoid conflicts with the new traffic signals. Localized temporary lane closures and detours will be required to accommodate this work. Nicor does not anticipate any disruption to gas service as part of this relocation work.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. We will work with IDOT and the contractor as much as possible to minimize the inconveniences associated with this project. The end result will be an improved intersection that will provide many years of service. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works at (708) 579-2328.

Sincerely,
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE



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