

1st Street construction remains on schedule

1st Street Road Reconstruction

Phase 2 of the road reconstruction is on schedule. The curbs for this portion of 1st Street at Indiana were poured on Thursday, Aug. 2. The concrete for the street will be poured early in the week of Aug. 6, after which it will cure. They are on target to complete this phase and re-open this portion of 1st Street by the end of August.

Crosswalks on 1st Street will ultimately be brick pavers. These crosswalks have been filled in with temporary asphalt until the bricks are purchased and the contractor scheduled to complete them. The crosswalks to be completed this year are located at Indiana and Cobblestone. The schedule for this work will be announced as soon as it is set.

Alliance will need to replace some concrete panels on the south end of 1st Street (south of Cobblestone) that developed cracks during the curing process. This will occur this fall and require lane and road closures, although the timing and schedule has not been confirmed.

As a reminder, all remaining roadwork on 1st and Walnut will be delayed until spring 2008. The phasing

and schedule for this work is being discussed and will be announced this fall.

Route 31 Road Widening

The bids for the widening of Route 31 have been published and are due in August. The plan will be to award the low bid by the end of August and begin the construction in early September. This project will take 20 to 30 days to complete. It will widen the east side of Route 31 around the curve and add a center, bi-directional turn lane. This work will only require daily lane closures and not a complete road closure and detour.

Parking Deck Construction

The plans for the parking deck are under a final review by the City. The permit has not yet been an issue but is expected in about a week. A special e-mail notification will be sent as soon as staff knows when the permit will be issued and the fence for the entire parking deck will be installed.

Milestone Row

Parking and curbs for Milestone Row are being re-installed. The building is almost done and should be wrapping

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up in about three to four weeks.

New Blue Goose

Supermarket Building

The building is progressing on schedule. The north wall and mezzanine will be finished next week, after which the brick layers will begin their work.

Building 7A/Harris Bank

Construction of this building is progressing on schedule. It is projected to open in early October.

1st Street Area Parking

New Blue Goose Lot—This lot is now open and available for public use after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. It will be used for construction parking during the day.

Public Space Design Committee

The 1st Street Public Space Design Committee will have their regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m. at City Hall. They have begun to discuss the public plaza. A special meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m., at Steel Beam Theatre to gather input from the businesses that border the plaza. All meetings are public, and everyone is invited to attend.

Time Table Summary

Week of Aug. 6

- Alliance finishes concrete roadway on 1st Street at Indiana, and the curing time begins.
- St. Charles Electric Utility finishes

underground electric work behind Private Bank at Walnut.

Aug. 13

- Regular 1st Street Public Space Design Committee Meeting, 8 a.m., City Hall (2nd Floor Mtg. Rm.).

Aug. 14

- Special 1st Street Public Space Design Committee Meeting with Main Street businesses, 5:30 p.m., Steel Beam Theatre.

Early September

- Route 31 road widening project begins.

September/October 2007

- The City Electric Utility will be installing a new transformer to service the new parking deck and other businesses in the area bounded by 1st Street, Main, Route 31, and Walnut (including Doc Morgan).

January 2008

- Blue Goose Supermarket moves into and opens their new store.

February 2008

- Demolition/site work for Buildings 1/2/3 (along the river where the current Blue Goose is located) begins.

Spring 2008

- Phases 3 through 5 1st Street Reconstruction, from Illinois/1st Street intersection to Route 64, begins.

Summer 2008

- Parking deck is completed and open.

Questions or comments about 1st Street may be directed to the 1st Street hotline at 762-7097 or e-mail at 1stStreet@stcharlesil.gov.