

State Highway 361 (4th Street and Co. Road 30) Reconstruction and Utilities Project Rush City, MN

By the time you are reading this article, work should be started on the street and utilities project. A-1 Excavating, Inc. out of Bloomer, WI was awarded the contract for the project by Chisago County and the City of Rush City in early August. They will begin with removing the asphalt on County Road 30 from the Pine County line to 4th Street. Right after Labor Day, Redstone Construction will begin work on the bridge over Rush Creek on County Road 30 (by Golden Living Center). Around that time, work will also begin on the water and sewer line replacement from 4th Street to about the old liquor store property. They will start at the intersection of 4th Street with the utility replacement, probably the week of Labor Day, and move north. When the utilities are replaced, they will then asphalt County Road 30 from 4th Street to the Pine County line.

During the construction, traffic coming from the south on County Road 30/Bremer Avenue will be detoured to County Road 7 and Fairfield Avenue. Traffic coming from the north on County Road 30 will be detoured to County Road 3 and Fairfield Avenue. Local traffic in the area from 4th Street to the old liquor store can use Alger Avenue to go north to County Road 30 or south to 4th Street. The construction crews plan to always keep County Road 30 north of the old liquor store open to local traffic. It will be down to gravel probably by Labor Day, but they intend to keep at least one lane open at all times. Bremer Avenue will not be passable most days from 4th Street to the old liquor store. They will fill the construction holes with gravel every evening, though, so the intersections will be passable.

DATES: A-1 Excavating will only be working on County Road 30 this fall, with a projected completion date of November 4, 2011. They intend to start on 4th Street in the spring of 2012, to include work on Field and Dana Avenues from 4th to 5th Street, the city parking lot, and Fairfield Avenue from 4th Street north, during the summer. The final completion date for the project is July 17, 2012. Construction times will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. They have informed us that they do not plan to work on weekends, but may if there are delays or unforeseen issues.

The on-site inspector from the City's engineering firm, SEH, is John Keppers. His cell phone number is 651-347-2177 for project questions or concerns. You can also call City Hall at 320-358-4743 with questions and check the City web site www.rushcitymn.us for project updates. Construction and detour maps are also available at City Hall.

We realize that this construction project will be an inconvenience and we greatly appreciate everyone's patience.