

ENGINEERING PROJECT NEWS

Engineering provides a newsletter regarding project activity and progress. The newsletter, updated weekly during peak construction season (May-Oct), is sent via email to assist individuals who wish to stay informed regarding active and proposed City Projects. [Sign up](#) to receive this newsletter directly in your inbox.

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BID OPPORTUNITIES

- [CeMar Trail Phase V](#) – DOT bid 6.17.25



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2025 5th Avenue Reconstruction Project

Rathje Construction – \$2,098,113.99

Project Overview: Spanning two construction seasons (24/25), this project will reconstruct 5th Ave from 1st St to 7th St, including necessary upgrades to the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure. This project also includes water main and sewer improvements along 1st St from 3rd Ave to 6th Ave. Stage 1 – reconstruction on 5th Ave from 1st St to 3rd St, is complete.

Project Update: Crews from Rathje continued water main, storm sewer and sanitary sewer work along 5th Ave from 3rd St to 7th St. Paving has started.



STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

2025 1st Avenue Reconstruction

Rathje Construction – \$1,747,847.27



Project Overview: This project will span two construction seasons (25/26) and includes the complete removal and replacement of 1st Ave from the intersection of 15th St to 22nd St as well as removal and replacement of 22nd St from 1st Ave to 3rd Ave. The project includes necessary upgrades to water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure.

Project Update: The contractor plans to start Stage 1 work on June 16 and will be completed within 85 working days. Stage 1 includes work from 15th St to just east of 19th St.

2025 Pavement Patching Project – Cedar Falls Const. – \$1,141,405

Project Overview: This project includes full depth patching, surface grinding and other associated improvements to the following roadways:



- 35th St from Monarch Ave to 29th Ave
- 29th Ave from 35th St to Highland Dr
- Boyson Rd from west City limits to Central Ave
- 6th Ave from 8th St to 15th St

Project Update: The contractor is expected to begin work on June 19.

STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

2025 HMA Resurfacing Project – LL Pelling – \$1,522,150.20

Project Overview: This project consists of milling the existing asphalt surface, performing full-depth patchwork, placing new hot mix asphalt and painting pavement markings.

Project Update: Weather dependent, work is expected to take up to 2 weeks on the remaining mobilizations. These sections of roadways will be closed to thru traffic during this time. Flaggers will be present to assist local traffic during construction hours:

- Mob #6: Work has started in both lanes of Hillview Dr between S 15th St and S 22nd St
- Mob #7: Work has started in both lanes of Valleyview Dr between S 15th St and S 22nd St
- Mob #8: Work will begin June 11 in both lanes of S 15th St between Grand Ave and Daleview Dr

Previous mobilizations – completed and open to traffic:

- Mob #1: 25th Ave between Indian Creek Rd and 27th St
- Mob #2: 8th Ave from 6th St to 10th St
- Mob #3: Twixt Town Rd from Collins Road Square Mall to Marion Blvd
- Mob #4: Winslow Rd between Huntington Hill Dr and Foxborough Dr
- Mob #5: Meadowview Dr between East Post Rd and S 15th St →



SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Staff provide inspections for the development of all subdivisions and commercial sites within City limits. This work begins with construction plan review and includes field quality control for storm and sanitary sewers, drintile, Portland cement concrete maturity, grade, air content, slump and pavement thickness. The City has adopted the latest version of SUDAS (Statewide Urban Design and Specifications) and utilizes these standards for subdivision construction

Subdivision Residential

Commons at English Glen, 8th Addition – Rathje. Calder Dr extension south of 35th Ave. Mainline street pours are complete. Working on street intersection hand pours.

Commons at English Glen, 9th Addition – Boomerang. Eight Bells Dr extension of REC Dr. Sanitary sewer installation started.

Preserve at Lowe Park – Boomerang. North of Lowe Park, west of 10th St. Plans in review.

Sycamore Heights 1st Addition – Concise Earthworks. NE corner of 35th Ave/44th St. Punchlist items remain.

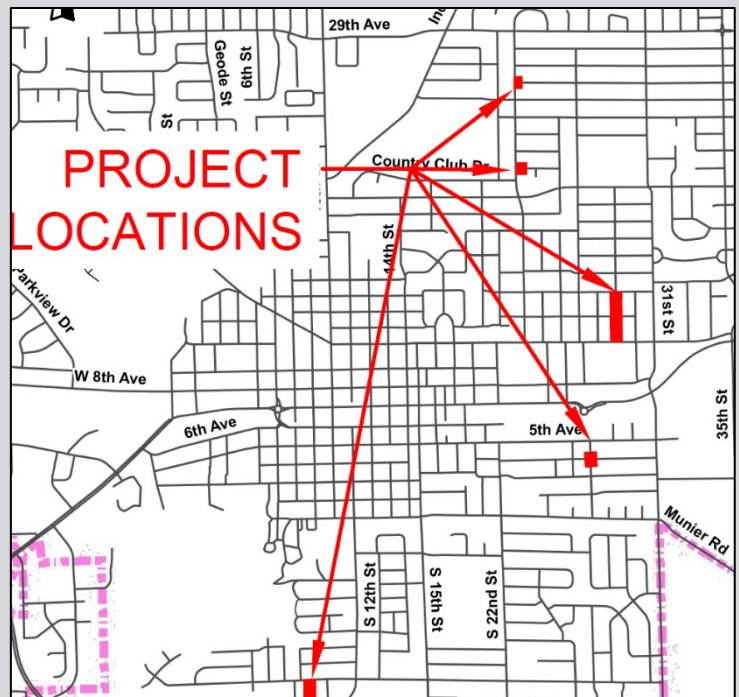
Sycamore Heights 2nd Addition – Concise Earthworks. NW corner of 35th Ave/44th St. Mass grading started.

STORMWATER/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

2025 Storm Sewer Project – Valentine Construction – \$187,346.25

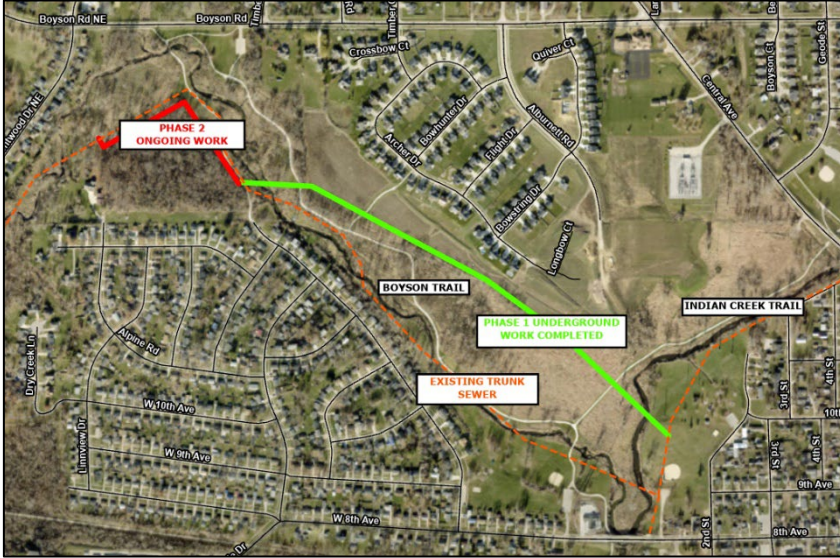
Project Overview: The project, expected to begin by Aug. 4, includes the construction and reconstruction of storm sewers, drintile installation and removal and replacement of curb and gutter in these areas:

- 24th St at 26th Ave
- 21st Ave near 24th St
- 29th St from 10th Ave to 12th Ave
- 27th St near 4th Ave
- Valley Park St south of Grand Ave



SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS

Indian Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement – Segment 11 Improvements – Boomerang Corp. – \$5,669,415.83



Project Overview: The Indian Creek and Dry Run Creek Trunk Sewer is multi-jurisdictional serving Linn County and the cities of Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha and Robins. It is planned to be replaced and upgraded in segments throughout the entire 16-mile length over a period of 15+ years. The new sanitary sewer will provide additional capacity to accommodate present needs and future growth. Segment 11 Improvements begin at Willow Park and follow Dry Creek to the western corporate limits of Marion.

Project Update: Boomerang is expected to complete the underground sewer work this week. In the following weeks, abandonment of the existing sewer and site restoration work will occur.

ARPA Sanitary Trunk Sewer Projects 4 & 5 Boomerang – \$2,947,643.46

Project Overview: Work includes reconstruction and upsizing of a sanitary sewer along Indian Creek from Central Ave to 10th St, and along Central Ave from Indian Creek to Boyson Rd. Work also includes water main replacement along Central Ave from Indian Creek to Boyson Rd, and north along Larick Dr to Isham Dr.

Project Update: Pipe for the project has been delivered. The contractor will begin work in early June. This project requires the closure of Indian Creek Trail from Central Ave to 10th St.



MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

Walk Your Wheels

Marion's shared-use paths are intended for use by people, pets and bicyclists. To ensure safety in the vibrant Uptown Marion District, the Walk Your Wheels program aims to avoid bike and pedestrian conflict points.



The Walk Your Wheels zones are located on 6th, 7th and 8th Avenues from 10th to 13th Streets. Riders have the option to move to the street or walk their wheels in the established zones. New signage is currently being installed to help educate and promote safe practices. The ordinance pertaining to riding on sidewalks in the business district reads as follows:

Except for persons with a disability that have specially equipped bicycles or children under the age of 13 and accompanying an adult, no person shall ride a bicycle or stand-up scooter on a sidewalk or shared-use path within the right-of-way of 6th Avenue, 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue from 10th Street to 13th Street.

Together we can help keep Uptown Marion a thriving district and safe place for all ages and abilities.

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

Sidewalk Ramp Project – Hunt Construction – \$167,297.50

Project Overview: The City's plan is to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The City committed to annual funding to provide for the reconstruction of non-ADA compliant sidewalks, ramps and associated work. The City has approximately 3,880 sidewalk ramps, of which 46% are compliant with design standards and 54% of the sidewalk ramps are considered non-compliant.

Project Update: Hunt Construction will begin work on June 10. This project includes the removal and replacement of existing sidewalks and sidewalk ramps. When necessary, during construction, limited partial lane closures are anticipated on side streets. During work on each street/intersection, direct access to properties may be impacted (except for emergencies). Sidewalk ramps will be reconstructed at the following locations:

June 10-13

- Winslow Road and Connection Ave
- 29th Ave and Somerbrook Ln

June 16-20

- 29th Ave and Somerbrook Ln
- 29th Ave and Oxford St

June 23-27

- 24th St and 26th Ave
- 44th St and Vasey Ave
- 11th St and 4th Ave

July 7-11

- 11th St and 3rd Ave
- 11th St and 2nd Ave

July 14-18

- 11th St and 2nd Ave
- 11th St and 1st Ave

July 21-25

- 11th St and 1st Ave



July 28-Aug 1

- Rosslare St and Pennington Dr
- Raleigh Ln and Pennington Dr
- Daleview Dr and 26th St

Aug 4-8

- 31st St and 10th Ave

CITY NEWS

Munier Road Closure

On June 9, MJ Electric will close Munier Rd between 31st and 35th St to complete electrical work associated the decommissioning of ITC lines along that route. This closure will only be during daylight working hours and is expected to last 2 days.



Reminder: No signs in the Right-of-Way

Per City Code, signs other than official traffic or street signs are not allowed in the right-of-way (ROW). Signs placed between the curb and the sidewalk, or within 15' of the curb where sidewalks do not exist, or on City Property are considered in the ROW. These types of signs can cause additional distractions and sight barriers to drivers; therefore, City staff will work aggressively to remove them. The City cannot guarantee that your sign will be available to be returned to you if removed from the ROW.

Additionally, signs cannot be posted on utility poles or street signs, and you must ask permission before posting signs on private property. The City will continue to remove illegally posted signs throughout the year.



This includes but is not limited to:

- For Sale
- Open House
- Garage Sale
- Advertising
- Political signs