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REBUILDING FIRST STREET

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE-WORK SHIFTS TO EAST SIDE OF FIRST

The City of Milwaukee in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has been working on the reconstruction of South First Street from West Lincoln Avenue to South Kinnickinnic Avenue. Work includes the removal of existing pavement and installation of new concrete roadway, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The project is funded largely with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. When completed, each side of First Street will include a parking lane, a new bike lane, and a traffic lane.

The first phase of the work has taken place on the west side of First Street with two-way traffic retained on the east side. Construction crews are nearing completion on the first phase and hope to open the new west lanes to two-way through-traffic early next week and shift construction to the east lanes.

2010 PROJECT SCHEDULE

► Stage One:

Late April to mid-July
Construct west side of road-
way, sidewalk, curbs and
gutters.

► Stage Two:

Mid-July to mid-October
Construct east side of road-
way, sidewalk, curbs and
gutters.

**Completion: Mid to late
October 2010**

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COMMUNITY LIAISON ASSIGNED

The City has assigned a **community liaison** to this project. Working in conjunction with DPW staff, the liaison will meet with neighborhood organizations and businesses, provide construction updates, provide information about available city programs, and advocate on behalf of project stakeholders with the DPW.

The liaison on this project is **Kris Martinsek** and her contact information is listed at left. Contact her with general project questions or to be added to the email list to receive project updates electronically.

WORD ON THE STREET

Meet **Steve Graetz, the Resident Engineer** on the project. Steve is on the construction site everyday and his job is to oversee the contractors' work and ensure that the concerns of the public and businesses are being addressed.



If you have immediate, specific concerns about construction work, if you need to make special arrangements for deliveries, or have other access or special needs, contact Steve at the number listed at left.



Crews from Zignego Construction are working on completing the west traffic lanes and sidewalk along South First Street. This view from the 1700 block looking south was taken July 12, shortly after the concrete sidewalk was poured.

How to stay informed

There are several ways to stay updated as construction continues.

- **You are invited to attend Bi-weekly stakeholder meetings with the project team.** If you want first hand information on the progress of the project, plan to attend the next construction progress meeting, **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 21, at the Lincoln Warehouse, 2018 South First Street;**
- To receive news-updates electronically, send an e-mail or call Kris, your community liaison.