

Allegan Downtown Streetscape Project

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Current Progress

Work this week once again focused on sanitary sewer construction, with progress made from Brady St into neighboring Mahan Park. The crew is using dual-height trench box to shore their trench and reduce the need for wider excavation as they make their way down the driveway toward the waterfront. Once the last manhole on Brady St. is set, the crew turned down into Mahan Park to finish the sanitary connection. Working their way down the hill, Milbocker encountered an unexpected underground wall and even some groundwater, which was removed to allow placement of the new sanitary pipeline.

Placement of the new Brady Street Sewer will reroute sanitary flow away from the riverfront and boardwalk along Mahan Park and adjacent property. This will improve access for maintenance, reduce inflow potential and help ensure the quality of our surface waters. These measures are further enhanced through joint wraps and gaskets on the new asphaltic coated manholes that help prevent inflow and infiltration into the sewer system.



Fig 1: Encountering a masonry wall underneath the road



Fig 2: Water uncovered during excavation

Upcoming Work

With sanitary sewer work wrapping up, Milbocker will begin working on installing new water main along the entire length of Brady St. from State St. to Hubbard St. As the work progresses, the contractor will continue to backfill the utility trench to ensure safety.

Throughout the project, the contractor plans to leave sidewalks in place as long as possible to maintain access to residences and businesses. When a section of existing sidewalk needs to be removed, the affected property will be coordinated ahead of time, and a temporary walkway will be maintained.

With downtown shopping night this week, the contractor will be establishing a temporary pedestrian path at the intersection of Brady St., Locust St., and Hubbard St.