

Allegan Downtown Streetscape Project

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Current Progress

Working on previous progress with Brady St removals, Lowe Construction set up a bore pit and horizontally drilled the new storm sewer outfall near the Second Street bridge. This outfall flows out of the system onto rip rap, a type of large stone (16" in diameter), and then into the Kalamazoo River. This rip rap protects the soil along the banks from erosion by dissipating the energy of the flowing water leaving the system. This helps keep as much additional sediment out of the Kalamazoo River as possible and protects the banks of the river.

With the outfall installed, Milbocker's crews then began laying storm sewer up State St from the outfall to connect to the new pipe network they have installed on Brady St. Once these underground utility connections are complete, State St will be graded and prepared for roadway construction like Brady St. At the same time, Milbocker's pipe crew has been working to install new underground utilities along Hubbard St. Connecting new water services and laying storm sewer, the crews have been diligently working their way across Hubbard St. and turning down toward the waterfront as Hubbard St nears completion of its underground utilities.

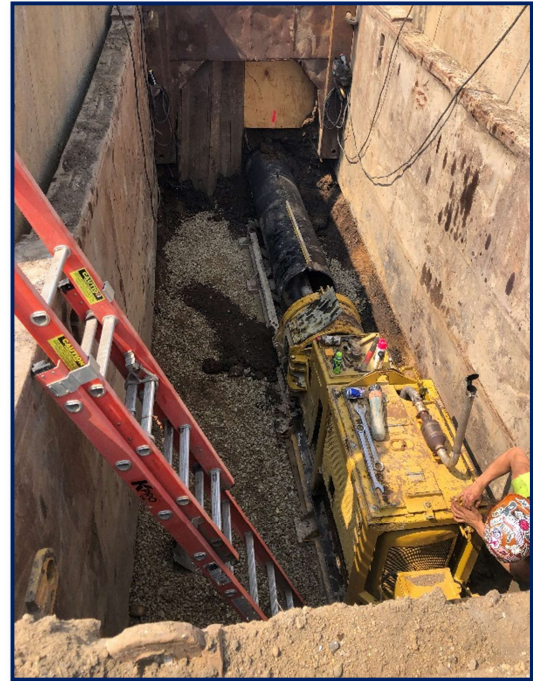


Fig 1: The storm sewer outfall is jack and bored near Second St. bridge



Fig 2: Milbocker continues to install water services to residents of downtown Allegan.

Upcoming Work

As the roadbed work progresses on Brady St, new sidewalk, and other surface elements such as curb and gutter will be prepared for installation. It is important this formwork is not disrupted.

Alongside this grading and concrete work, water services will continue to be replaced along Hubbard St since the water main testing is complete. This means that water service may be temporarily interrupted while Milbocker transfers service from the old main to the new main. Any affected properties will be coordinated with ahead of time, and a notice will be provided in advance.

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.