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“Improvements to Michigan Avenue”



Great improvements are being made to a section of Michigan Avenue this summer including a change in the drainage system, an update to the sanitary sewer system and resurfacing the street. Work began the beginning of June and is expected to be completed this fall.

The paved concrete street was in need of replacement, but the sidewalk along Michigan Avenue from the west side of the Wood Street intersection to the east side of the 10th Street intersection is being removed as well so that the storm sewer

pipe under the street can be replaced with larger diameter pipe. Storm water drainage in the area of the west end of the project is being rerouted in order to free up capacity in the east end of the project. At the same time sanitary sewer pipe under the street will be replaced.

“The project should help alleviate some of the drainage issues in and around the neighborhood. At the same time, we can also upgrade the sanitary sewer system,” said Mark Dolechek, City of Norfolk Assistant Engineer.

Elkhorn Paving is the contractor for the project and will also be removing and replacing concrete pavement on 11th Street approximately a half block north and a half block south of Michigan Avenue to have better access to the underground storm sewer.

“Our concern is also making the intersection at 11th Street and Michigan Avenue safer for the traveling public. Our goal is to smooth out the approach to that intersection in order to allow drivers to navigate safely through that intersection,” said Dolechek.

Those who need to access homes in the Michigan Avenue area will want to use Omaha Avenue to the south or Pasewalk Avenue from the north.

For more information about the Michigan Avenue improvements contact Mark Dolechek at 844-2020.