

Alderman Geenan MURT Project Update for the week of April 14, 2014

Construction activity has ramped up on the project and noticeable accomplishments on the surface have taken place. The project corridor is starting to take shape and we are getting a good visual on how the final product will look.

The concrete MURT section is virtually complete from US 301 to Osprey Ave. About a third of the trees are installed and the bio-swales are shaped and ready for some landscaping and irrigation. The last of the directional drilling for the irrigation system is being planned and pressure testing of the main lines will occur. As soon as the irrigation system is in place the landscape contractor will be installing the leafy plants.

The placement of the concrete for the MURT, west of Osprey Ave. will depend on the schedule for the installation of a stormwater pipe from a control structure to a junction box. That work is planned to be initiated in the near future.

Lots of activity occurred near the two businesses on the east end of Brother Geenan near 301. The work near the Waffle Stop and Muse is well underway and we tried our best to minimize disruption to these establishments during the concrete work.

The next major effort will be for the installation of parking spaces on the south side of Brother Geenan Way. When this is started, the lane that is open now for Eastbound traffic will be shifted to the north edge of the existing pavement next to the new curb. Same direction, same width and this will allow the contractor some room to construct the parking spaces on the south side.

With the pedestrian bridge in place and the MURT nearing completion it is important to emphasize that the project corridor is still a construction zone, under the control of the contractor, not yet open to the public. There is still construction equipment and worker activity going on to the facility and for the safety of everyone, it is best to avoid the corridor. We will make every effort to finish the project as soon as we can so it can be opened for use as intended.

Thank you for your patience.