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To: Property Owners and Residents along Rutledge Street and Division Street

Re: Street Reconstruction Construction Date Change

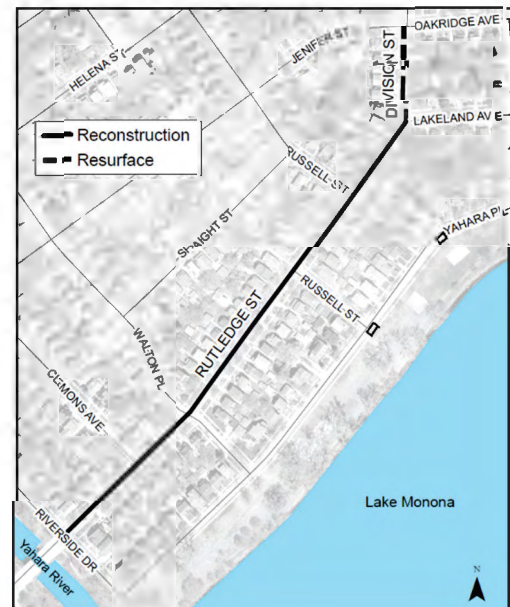
City Engineering would like to inform residents on Rutledge Street that the street reconstruction has been moved from 2024 to 2025. When putting together the final design plan for the project, Rutledge Street ended up requiring a significant amount of new storm sewer to be installed to address drainage issues. The addition of the new storm sewer directly conflicts with MG&E's gas mains and services because both utilities are at the same depth underground. MG&E needs to resolve these conflicts first so that construction of Rutledge Street can progress safely and efficiently. Unfortunately, due to the nature of how the designs on these types of project develop, storm sewer is typically the last component to be designed, so these conflicts, and starting the process to find solutions, happened quite late in the design process.

MG&E is currently working on their final plans to modify their gas mains and services to resolve those conflicts. Given the number of anticipated conflicts, we know that this work will be significant and likely take several weeks to complete, but specifics on their final plans are still not known. Construction crew availability will also be a factor as MG&E crews are currently working on other City projects that already underway, along with private developments needing services, and also similar work in other communities that they serve. With the uncertainty on the final plans and very limited crew availability, especially in the immediate future, it won't be possible to complete all of the work on Rutledge Street this year, and we wanted to communicate that as soon as that became clear.

On projects with several different streets and multiple blocks to work on, the City's contractor and MG&E can sometimes coordinate crews and be on the same project at the same time. However, the project on Rutledge Street has comparatively very limited space to work, few access points, and a lot of driveways that will need access for much of the project. It wouldn't be reasonable to try to fit all the necessary materials (pipe, gravel, trench backfill, etc.), equipment, trucking access, and resident access through the Rutledge Street project area if both the City's contractor and MGE's contractor were trying to complete all of their work at the same time.

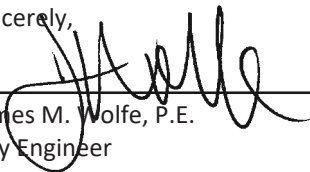
We anticipate that MG&E's work will likely take place this fall and potentially very early in 2025, with the City's project likely starting once weather allows. We will continue to post updates to the project page as we have more information. If you haven't done so already, you can also subscribe to receive email updates on the project.

www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/rutledge-street-reconstruction



If you have any other questions regarding this project, please contact Nashaly Gutierrez, Project Engineer, at (608) 266-4414, ngutierrez@cityofmadison.com.

Sincerely,



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