



Department of Public Works
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July 27, 2021

Dear Residents of Fairoyal Drive,

I am sure you are frustrated by the lack of progress in regards to the street reconstruction project. I assure you that I am just as frustrated, if not more. After two years of planning, our contractor has been slow to execute our plan. E Meier Contracting has successfully completed several similar projects for us in recent years, giving us no reason to doubt they would do the same this time. As alluded to in the letter they previously distributed, their resources have been stretched thin on other projects, and they did not have the manpower to start our project effectively.

On April 27, 2021, I issued the Notice to Proceed with an effective Date on May 24th. This gave them the “green light” to start bringing in equipment the week before Memorial Day. It also started the clock on the 150 calendar-day contract, establishing a contractual completion date of October 21, 2021. If substantial completion is not reached by that date, we will withhold \$500/day in liquidated damages.

The delays in work have been a consistent topic of discussion between the City and contractor ever since the sewer work was completed in June. Last Thursday, July 22nd, I sent an official notice to E Meier that they are behind schedule and must provide an action plan showing how they will complete the work by the project deadline, as stipulated in their contract.

I received that action plan yesterday, and it includes the following commitments:

- Work will resume the week of August 2nd (most likely Wednesday August 4th).
- Additional manpower will be dedicated to the project in order to jump start work. Two sets of crews will kick off the project, concurrently performing Phases A and C, then Phases B and D. After those phases have been completed, one set of crews will continue with Phases E, F, G, etc. as planned.
- E Meier has previously used this concrete mix/supplier and achieved the required strength more quickly than the 7-day cure time we have allotted. We will be testing concrete throughout the project, and will reopen phases more quickly as design strengths are achieved. That may allow work to proceed more quickly than currently scheduled.

Even without accelerated cure times, E Meier believes they can complete the project by the October 21st deadline. We will monitor progress and further adjust the schedule as needed to achieve that goal.

For updates on the project throughout, please go to www.desperesmo.org/projects, and then click on the Fairoyal Project. You can also contact me at smeyer@desperesmo.org or 314-835-6130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Meyer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Meyer, P.E.
Director of Public Works

CC: Alderman Fitzpatrick, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Mayor Becker

FAIROYAL DRIVE PHASING

