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Get the scoop on Wisconsin Avenue Streetscaping West of the River

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Streetscaping Update

Lots of progress to report between 8th and 10th streets.

South side of the street

Sidewalks have been poured on the south side of the street, and the trench in the roadway between the curb and the pavement will be filled with asphalt for the winter.

The next steps on the south side are installation of the new double harp streetlights and placement of snow fencing around the planter locations to ensure pedestrian safety.

North side of the street

The sidewalk has been poured in front of the Wisconsin Club and we are completing clean up and preparation for the Benjamin Franklin Award Dinner at the Public Library the evening of October 31st. Immediately after the event we will begin removing the remainder of the sidewalk to permit completion of the new walkway. When the sidewalk work is done, streetlights can be installed.

The curb and walk on the west end of the block between 9th and 10th--both north and south sides of the street--will be completed by the Marquette interchange contractor rather than by the City's contractor.

4th Street- 8th Street

The underground work for planter irrigation has been completed and the pavement has been restored for the winter.

Public Works Committee Hearing

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The hearing is set for this Tuesday, October 31, at 9 a.m. in 301B of City Hall. Hope to see you there.



Final Information Meeting Nov 9

We'll have our final information meeting this fall on November 9th. Newsletter distribution will continue until the construction season ends--and resume next spring.

Your primary contacts for the project once construction is done this fall are Jenann Olsen (271-6908) and Ghassan Korban (286-2461).

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Streetscaping Status

Progress to report since the last newsletter.

All sidewalks have been poured, and all concrete work has been completed except for minor touchups.

The first coat of asphalt has been laid on the north side of the street. All north-south intersections are fully open.

This week manholes will be adjusted, so that next week the top coat of asphalt can be laid on the north side of the street from Mason to Milwaukee. Then a similar process of milling the existing asphalt, laying a base of asphalt, adjusting manholes, and final asphalt paving can take place on the south side.

While this roadway work takes place over the next three weeks, the granite will be installed for the remaining planters, and the last double harp lights and traffic lights will be installed.

Next spring will bring the finishing touches to the project--installation of wayfinding signage and historic kiosks as well as seasonal plantings in the planters.

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Laying the asphalt base along East Wisconsin Ave

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