



# VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

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## **RE: Oak Street and Cherry Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Starting July 8th, 2019**

Dear Resident:

Construction for the Cherry Street and Oak Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project is scheduled to start after the July 4th Holiday. It will require the closure of Cherry Street (from Green Bay Road to west of Maple Street) and Oak Street (from Green Bay Road to Lincoln Avenue) to complete the work. Both will be closed starting Monday, July 8th, 2019. There will be signs for a Detour Route in place, to direct traffic around these closures. A Detour Map is also included for reference.

The project will include the full removal and replacement of the superstructure and some modifications to the existing substructure of both bridges. Precast concrete beams will be utilized to speed up construction and reduce future maintenance costs, and the existing abutment foundations will be supplemented with new helical piers to increase capacity. Both structures will maintain road and sidewalk widths similar to the existing bridges. The Oak Street Bridge will receive a decorative concrete railing and pedestrian lighting similar to the Elm Street Bridge.

The construction work will not affect the Metra train schedule, however, while the Oak Street Bridge is being replaced there will not be access to the current drop off zones and stairways at the Oak Street Bridge, as these will be replaced as part of the project. We ask that Metra riders use stairways and elevators just north of Oak Street, between Oak Street and Elm Street which are accessible from both Lincoln Avenue to the east and the West Elm Lot 5 to the west.

The Green Bay Trail that passes under both the Cherry Street and Oak Street Bridges will remain open during construction, with the exception of several daily closures while major work activities are taking place, such as the removal of the existing beams and installation of the new beams. Advanced signage will be displayed to notify of those anticipated trail closures.

Both bridges are expected to be back open to traffic by mid-November 2019.

For updates during construction please check the Village website.

<https://www.villageofwinnetka.org/departments/public-works/current-construction-projects/>

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1390 Willow Road, Winnetka IL 60093

The Village of Winnetka appreciates your assistance with this project, should you have any follow-up questions or need further clarification please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Bernahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and "B".

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