



Construction Updates

Week of November 9th, 2007

Marion Street Concrete Base: The concrete base for the final section of Marion St. was poured this week completing this phase of the project.

Granite Curb and Gutter: Installation of the granite curbing continued this week at the South end of the project site. As you can see the island in front of the North Blvd parking lot began to take shape this week with granite curbing installed.

Cross Walks: The crosswalks at Lake Street and in front of the new parking lot were laid this week. The bluestone crosswalks are framed in granite carrying our sidewalk and curb materials into the street.

Planter Box Framing: All the planter boxes have been framed and poured and the final granite applications were complete this week. Several of the new trees were delivered this week and are awaiting final installation.

Sidewalk Improvements: Installation of the heating element and bluestone sidewalk application continued throughout this week. The majority of the sidewalk concrete base has been poured and is set for final heat pad and bluestone installation. As we complete installation of bluestone, we are opening up the sidewalks for pedestrian access. The richness of the bluestone in combination with the granite is striking!!!

Lighting: Two of the new light poles, as well as the new traffic signals along Lake Street, were installed this week. The traffic signals have been activated, and are now in operation. The signals utilize the latest technology and have a countdown feature to aid pedestrians crossing Marion and Lake Streets.

Street Furniture: The new benches and custom designed chairs for the pedestrian seating areas are now on site. These pieces are on display on Marion St at the intersection of Marion and Westgate.

Week of Nov 12th, 2007

At this point in the project, all of the activities are focused on the installation of the streetscape elements – sidewalks, planters, lights, landscaping etc. The street will begin to come together with each day bringing a new streetscape element.

Sidewalks: We will continue to install the sidewalk heating elements followed immediately by the bluestone application moving from North to South on Marion. We anticipate completing this process by the end of this week.

Planters: The trees and landscaping will be installed at the beginning of the week adding another layer to the streetscape. Tree grates are on-site and will be installed as each tree is sited. The finishing materials for the planters will continue to be installed throughout the week. Planters should be delivered this week and will begin to be filled.

Lighting: Light installation should be complete this week, with the center arch is scheduled for delivery and installation as well.

Brick Street: The bricks for Marion St have been manufactured and will be delivered on site over the weekend. Installation will begin early in the week, and will continue throughout the week.

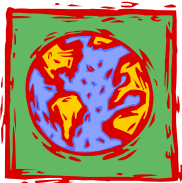
Construction Hours: Construction crews will continue to work 10 hour days beginning at 6:00 am with Saturday and Sunday construction activity expected.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Marion St Ribbon Cutting Community Celebration Scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th, 2007

Plans are underway for a historic community celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony officially commemorating the opening of the New Marion St. Plans call for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:00pm at North Blvd and Marion. Cake and refreshments will be available at a number of retailers throughout the area. Please plan to join us for this historic community celebration.



WINTERFEST – Holiday's Around the World Saturday, December 1st

Be sure to mark your calendars for the official kick-off of the holiday season in Downtown Oak Park. Over 50 businesses will be participating in this special event with each representing the history, culture, and traditional holiday décor of a different country. A commemorative cookie tin will be available to all participants with cookies from around the world available at each store.

An historic community photo will be taken at Noon at the south end of Marion St. Please come and join us and be a part of Oak Park's history.