



## Notice to Property Owners

**Re: Mt. Vernon Reconstruction and Water Main Replacement - City of Southfield**

Dear Homeowner/Resident:

This letter is written to inform residents of upcoming road and water supply system improvements within Mt. Vernon St. Water main will be replaced, and the pavement will be reconstructed. The new concrete roadway will narrow the two vehicle lanes and add a center-left-turn lane. A small sidewalk gap on the south side of the road will also be filled.

**Stage 1:** The east half of Mt. Vernon Street. will be closed from Southfield Road to Bedford Towne Street.

- Eastbound traffic will be detoured using southbound Northwestern Highway to 9 Mile to Southfield Road.
- Westbound traffic will be detoured using Southfield Road, to 10 Mile Road to Evergreen Road to southbound Northwestern Highway.
- Two-way access will be maintained from northbound Northwestern Highway to Bedford Towne Street.
- Access to PACE Academy will be maintained during this stage.

**Stage 2:** The west half of Mt. Vernon Street will be closed from Northwestern Highway to Williamsburg Towne Street.

- Eastbound traffic will be detoured using southbound Northwestern Highway to 9 Mile to Southfield Road.
- Westbound traffic will be detoured using Southfield Road, to 10 Mile Road to Evergreen Road to southbound Northwestern Highway.
- Two-way access will be maintained from Southfield Road to Fairfax Towne Street.

**SCHEDULE:** This project is planned to begin with the closing of Mt. Vernon on July 7, 2025 for Stage 1. The Stage 2 detour is planned to start on September 1, 2025, with construction coming to an end on November 1, 2025. All contract work and acceptance of the project, including grass growth will need to be established by May 2026.

### CONSTRUCTION CONTACT INFORMATION:

Construction Engineer: **OHM Advisors, Inc. (OHM)**  
34000 Plymouth Road  
Livonia MI 48150

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:** Questions concerning the project will be handled through OHM on behalf of the City. Please contact in the order shown:

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| 1. Cara Parks, Project Engineer, OHM  | 734-466-4420 |
| Email: <a href="mailto:cara.parks@ohm-advisors.com">cara.parks@ohm-advisors.com</a> |              |
| 2. OHM Main Office (Toll Free)  | 888-522-6711 |
| 3. City of Southfield Engineering Department (8 am to 4:30 pm)                      | 248-796-4810 |
| 4. City of Southfield Water Department, (8 am to 4:30 pm)                           | 248-796-4850 |

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- *How will water service be affected?*  
During water main construction, your water service will be temporarily disrupted when the new main is connected to the existing system and when the service to your house is moved from the old main to the new main. A notice will be given prior to the anticipated service disruption, and the re-connection should be completed in no more than four hours.

Your water service may be unexpectedly interrupted during construction due to water main breaks caused from work on or near the existing aged mains. In the event of a break, OHM, the City, and the Contractor will repair the system and get it running as quickly as possible. If you are out of water and work is not ongoing, please call us immediately.

- *What will happen to the road?*  
Road reconstruction and repairs will occur after the water main and storm sewer is complete. Road work will include concrete reconstruction with integral concrete curb and gutter. After road work is completed, driveway approaches will be replaced in kind where necessary to meet the new road surface or if they are removed as part of the water main work.
- *How will access to properties be maintained?*  
There may be intermittent traffic delays on the roads, intersections, and drive approaches as construction equipment moves around, and the work is being performed. The Contractor will attempt to minimize delays to the traveling public and maintain temporary access to homes throughout the project. Residents may occasionally experience delays. During paving operations, temporary driveway closures may be necessary, only if there is an alternative exit. Otherwise, the driveway will be constructed part-width, meaning you will have access to ½ of the driveway while the other ½ is being constructed. You will be notified prior to any extended driveway closures resulting from curb or driveway construction.
- *Will there be provisions for residents with special needs?*  
Residents with special needs should contact one of the persons listed under “**Questions or Concerns.**”
- *Will trees be removed as part of the construction project?*  
Yes, some trees within the median island at Martha Washington Dr will be removed. Additional trees will be removed on the south side of Mt Vernon.
- *Will trash pickup be affected?*  
Provisions will be made to ensure that the contractor allows trash service to be maintained. If there are issues with pick up, please contact OHM.
- *What about lawn restoration?*  
Disturbed lawn areas will be restored with topsoil and hydroseed. It typically takes two growing seasons for grass to fully be established.
- *Will existing landscape features be impacted?*  
Landscaping, lights, sprinklers, fences, or other personal property located within the public road right-of-way could be impacted during construction. If you have irrigation, please contact OHM to witness where the sprinkler heads are and to ensure your system is functioning prior to construction.
- *How will school buses be affected?*  
School bus routes and pick-up locations may be affected during the project. Please contact us if there are known routes on this segment.
- *Can homeowners get additional work done by the contractor for the project?*  
The contractor and any subcontractors are prohibited from performing any private work within the project area until the work governed by the City contract is completed.

**SAFETY:** This is the most important aspect of the project. Please work with us in respecting all signs and construction zones and driving at a prudent speed. During the placement and curing of concrete, please remain off the concrete while barricades are in place. Avoid contact with concrete to minimize delays in construction. We

## Cara Parks

cc: Leigh Schultz, PE, City Engineer, Engineering Division  
Abdul Siddiqui, PE, DPW Director  
Alex Blhem, PE, OHM  
Zack Hampton, PE, OHM



