

Dear Property Owner:

Reconstruction of LaSalle Avenue, Phase II is coming this Spring and Summer!

The City of Barron is planning for the complete reconstruction of LaSalle Avenue between Mill Street (aka STH 25) and 7th Street. The project will include replacement of sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, sidewalk, curb and gutter and pavement.

You are receiving this letter as an owner or tenant of property adjacent to the project area. Construction of this project will necessitate the closure of LaSalle Avenue for three to four months, which will likely impact access to your property. The City wishes to provide notice to businesses and residents along the project so that you have time to address any specific concerns for your property prior to the start of the project. Please join us on Thursday, March 21st at 9:00 am for an informational meeting with MSA and City of Barron representatives at City Hall, 510 E LaSalle Avenue. While we have attempted to contact all owners and tenants impacted by this project, we ask that those who receive this letter reach out to their tenants and neighbors or others of impact to be sure that all those who live and work within the project area are aware of the meeting.

During construction of the project, LaSalle Avenue will be closed to traffic and parking. Parking will be available along the side streets, and in municipal parking lots north of LaSalle Avenue. During much of the construction process, a temporary sidewalk will be in place on the north side of LaSalle Avenue between 2nd Street and 6th Street so that pedestrians can access businesses along the street. Provisions for alternate access, such as modifications that allow customers to enter a business through a back door, will be the responsibility of the property owner and/or business owner.

The City intends to provide signs at each end of the project indicating that businesses along LaSalle Avenue remain open for the duration of the project, and should be accessed via side streets. If additional signage or other messaging for a specific business is wanted or needed, that would be the responsibility of the business owner. The City can help facilitate group efforts for messaging, such as additional signage or newspaper announcements; if you are interested in working with fellow business-owners on messaging efforts, please contact City Hall at 715-537-5631.

At this time, no permanent changes are anticipated on private property adjacent to the project, but it is possible you may receive additional correspondence in the future regarding temporary easements for restoration of surfaces along your property line.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction process as we work together to renew Downtown Barron. We are excited for this much needed infrastructure improvement, and encourage everyone involved to collaborate on making this a positive experience for the businesses, residents, and visitors of our community.

Liz Jacobson, City Administrator