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Construction Update: Phase 2 Continues Street Widening Efforts

The S. 13th St. construction project, from S. Forest Home to S. Windlake avenues, began May 24th with the removal of trees located between the sidewalks and the curbs. This was done in preparation for the removal of pavement and sidewalks, and two fences. The roadway is being widened from 40 feet to 48 feet. This will provide for:

- Two 11-foot driving lanes
- Two 8-foot parking lanes and
- Two 5-foot bicycle lanes.

Phase 2 of the project began on August 8th. Traffic control devices were installed to provide one lane of traffic in each direction on the new west half of S. 13th St. This traffic realignment within the project limits significantly reduced the amount of displaced southbound traffic on S. 14th St.



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The second phase of the project included fire hydrant relocations. The hydrants were moved from the S. 13th Street curb line around the corners to adjacent side streets to accommodate the increased pavement width as noted above.

Milwaukee Water Works staff contacted affected area businesses in advance to work out a schedule to turn the water off during the relocation of the hydrants. The last hydrant was relocated on August 23rd.



Shorty's Catering, a banquet hall and restaurant was able to host events at their location due to the communication between the construction team and the owners. Access was easy to provide due to their location on the corner of South 13th Street and West Becher Street.

The trench protection box is placed inside a trench, when relocating the water hydrants. It is used for worker protection should the trench wall collapse.



Due to the amount of coordination required, some delays occurred during utility relocation. The new completion date for the project is mid-October 2016.



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