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Capitol Drive Open for Business

The construction project that began in April 2013 on Capitol Drive from 84th Street to Mayfair Road has been completed except for a few details. These details include painting of the new Menomonee Bridge, landscaping the multiuse path underneath the bridge, and along Capitol Drive.

Department of Public Works Commissioner Ghassan Korban, in a media advisory on November 22nd, stated, “The Department of Public Works is pleased to report that Capitol Drive will be open to all traffic by November 27. We appreciate the patience and cooperation from area business owners and neighbors during this project, as the City’s Support for Business team worked closely with them and contractors to help minimize the inconveniences that come from a major construction project. I thank all partners for a job well done.”

The Capitol Drive construction project did prove to be challenging for a number of businesses, including Little Caesar’s Pizza located at 9230 West Capitol Drive. Cecilia Gilbert, Support for Business (SFB) Program Liaison, was in constant

Stage Two of the project not only had an impact on the businesses located between 98th and 100th streets and Lisbon Avenue, but it also impacted access to Animal Care Hospital, Alternatives in Psychological Solutions and Park Ridge Apartments. Meetings were held with representatives of all three entities to discuss a new route for access since Lisbon Avenue would be closed at 100th Street. The SFB Liaison and Project Inspector worked with Dr. Singh to make sure his parking lot could accommodate the additional traffic that utilized his driveway to get to Alternatives in Psychological Solutions. Access for Park Ridge Apartments’ garage was not so easy. DPW staff had to negotiate with the owners of the businesses located along Capitol Drive between 100th and 102nd Streets to create a route.



Little Caesar’s Pizza on Capitol Drive

contact with Manager George Bengs throughout the project. The intersection of 92nd Street and Capitol Drive was reconfigured and the traffic for the first part of the project was shifted to the south side of the street. Mr. Bengs needed access for his customers and delivery trucks. Directional signs were placed at Fiebrantz and 92nd Streets to direct traffic over to 93rd Street and then into the parking lot. But due to the amount of heavy trucking on Fiebrantz, the street was closed and another plan had to be developed. Project Inspector Paul Grabowski worked with the BP Gas Station and Little Caesar’s Pizza to create a temporary path to cross the closed lanes of 92nd Street to provide safe access. As the construction progressed different issues arose and solutions were devised to maintain access.



Route to Park Ridge Apts. via 102nd St.: Vehicles had to use 102nd St. south of Capitol Drive behind the businesses to access Park Ridge Apts.

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Dumpsters for Park Ridge Apts: In order for Waste Management to empty the dumpsters for Park Ridge Apts., they had to be re-located behind the Elite Furniture Store.



Path created for Park Ridge Capitol Drive: An old electrical sign was removed and the area patched over to allow vehicles access to the parking garage at Park Ridge Apts.



Access to Park Ridge Apts.: The path allowed the residents of Park Ridge Apts. to park in their garages.

Other businesses that utilized the SFB Program included Holzhauser & Hewett Dentistry; Swan Infants and Children's Center; St. Mary Margaret School and Church; George Webb's; Play It Again Sports; Elite Furniture; Annie's Salon; Dr. Ken Sherry's Office; Phil's Gas and Grocery and Currie Auto Park, among others.

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