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N. Port Washington Ave./Rd. Reconstruction Underway

Work is underway on the reconstruction of N. Port Washington Ave./Rd. from N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. to W. Olive St., according to **Alderman Milele A. Coggs**.

The much-needed project began in late June and is expected to be completed by mid-fall. The reconstruction project will include the removal of the existing pavement and base, which will be replaced by an 8-inch concrete pavement and 6-inch gravel base. N. Port Washington Ave. between N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and W. Capitol Dr. will be narrowed from 50 feet to 46 feet, matching the roadway width from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Olive St. (Port Washington Ave. turns into Port Washington Rd. north of W. Capitol Dr.).

Curb and gutter will be removed and replaced throughout the project corridor. Existing sidewalk in poor condition will be removed and replaced with 5-inch concrete, and driveway approaches will be reconstructed with 7-inch concrete. New inlet structures will also be installed to connect to the storm sewer.

The narrowing of the roadway will allow for more trees and green space, and there will be one striped 5-foot bicycle lane in each direction throughout the project limits.

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Construction is occurring two phases: In stage one of the project, traffic will be maintained to northbound lanes, but closed to southbound traffic until approximately late August; in stage two, traffic will be maintained to southbound lanes, but closed to northbound traffic from approximately late August until approximately late September.

Prior to final concrete work on the project, crews are installing a 12-foot-wide temporary gravel lane, through the existing first stage work zone, at the intersection of W. Abert Pl. and N. Port Washington Rd., to allow east-west local traffic flow and access.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.5 million, with a breakdown of 80% federal and state funding, and 20% city funding.

Regular updates about this and other projects will be posted on Alderwoman Coggs' web page -- www.milwaukee.gov/district6.

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