



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

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2. William Novack, Director of
Transportation, Engineering &
Development

2022 Construction Project Impacts
from Equipment Operator Strike

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**CITY OF
NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 17, 2022
TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager
FROM: William Novack, Director of TED
SUBJECT: 2022 Construction Projects
Impacts from Equipment Operator Strike

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and members of the City Council of impacts to 2022 construction projects from the seven-week equipment operator strike.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Naperville has several construction projects underway this year including our pavement maintenance program. The program includes elements such as crack-filling, pavement patching, micro-surfacing and our pavement resurfacing program. In early June the equipment operators in the large quarries and dumps went on a seven-week strike. Most of the approved asphalt and concrete mixes use aggregate sourced from these quarries, so shortly after the strike started many mixes were no longer available.

DISCUSSION:

Some City projects were severely impacted by the strike while others had little to no impact. Three projects that were critically impacted were the North Aurora Road improvements west of Route 59, the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) resurfacing contract and the City resurfacing contract.

2022 is the second year of the North Aurora Road project and it was scheduled to be completely finished by the fall. Due to the strike we anticipate that construction will be substantially complete by the end of the year, but the final surface course of asphalt and restoration may be delayed until 2023.

Each year the City resurfaces approximately 27 centerline miles of roadways through two resurfacing contracts. The MFT resurfacing contract was just getting into full stride when the strike started. Our resurfacing contracts are structured so that all paving operations around schools are completed during the summer to avoid conflicts with school operations. We have two schools where the paving was not able to be completed before the opening of the school year; Welch Elementary School on Leverenz Road and Mill Street School which has Eagle Street behind it. While conflicts cannot be avoided, TED will coordinate with each school and the contractor to minimize the impacts to each school during the grinding and paving operations.

The City resurfacing contract, with a value of over \$4 million, was awarded right after the strike started. With seven lost weeks due to the strike there is not enough time left in the construction season to complete all of the streets in that contract; especially when

we have our residents rake their leaves into the street in early October for bulk leaf collection. Leaves do not mix well with paving work.

We just started having conversations with our contractor about how much of the contract and which streets will be repaved this year. We anticipate not being able to repave over half of those streets. Those not paved this year will be re-programmed and included in our 2023 street resurfacing bids. Depending on how much we cannot complete this year, TED may request additional funds over the next two to three years to make up for the street not resurfaced in 2022.

CONCLUSION:

Please include in the August 18, 2022 Manager's Memorandum.