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Delay in Construction on 1st and Norfolk Avenue

The installation of storm sewer at Norfolk Avenue and 1st Street has been delayed due to conflicts with underground communication cables. With this unforeseen conflict, the intersection will not be re-opened to all lanes of traffic until May 15th or soon thereafter.

City staff were surprised to learn about the conflict with the Lumen (formerly Century Link) communication lines. During the design process for the project, the communication lines were not added to the construction plans as the City was not made aware of the same prior to construction.

The utility, a Lumen (formerly Century Link) duct bank, carrying large capacity communication cables, was marked out prior to excavation. Upon further investigation, it was determined the clay tile (conduit) duct bank, was too close to the proposed storm sewer alignment and if excavation took place in that location, the conduits would be compromised and the communication lines damaged. After this conflict was realized, the City worked quickly with the engineer and contractor to re-design the storm sewer alignment to continue the work in this area.

Work will continue at the intersection this week and next week. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, contact the Engineering Division at 402-844-2020.

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