



Project Newsletter

Public Works Agency



2026 Alley and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

Aug 12, 2026

Alley North of Simpson Street and East of Pioneer Road

Description

As part of the 2026 Alley and Sidewalk Improvements Project, sewer and paving work in the alley North of Simpson Street and East of Pioneer Road is scheduled to begin next week with tree removals and driveway sawcutting, and is expected to be completed within approximately six to 10 weeks, weather permitting. The work includes the installation of storm sewers, construction of 8-inch-thick concrete alley pavement, and garage apron restoration as needed. See the reverse side for phasing information.

The North-South alley will be closed starting Monday, August 24th.

The East-West alley will be closed 3-5 weeks later. Each phase closure is to last from 4-6 weeks. An updated notice will be provided before E-W closure.

A sign will be posted at each alley entrance with this date. The alley will be closed to traffic during construction. We kindly ask that all vehicles be removed from garages and parking areas before the closure begins. Please note that there will be periods of inactivity to allow the newly placed concrete to cure and gain sufficient strength before the alley is reopened.

While the alley is closed, refuse and recycling collection will take place at the curb in front of your property. In addition, street sweeping parking restrictions will be waived within a one-block radius of the affected alley to accommodate increased demand for on-street parking during construction.

Garage Condition Assessments

Prior to closure of the alley and demolition of garage aprons, please document the existing condition of your garage floor with photographs. Documentation of existing conditions is necessary to pursue repairs in case of the contractor's activities causing damage. Please send photos to the Resident Engineer, Charlie Oppliger, via text or email. If you are not personally able to send this information, contact the Resident Engineer to coordinate means of documentation.

Contractor

The contractor for this project is Zenith Construction and Engineering Services LLC (2608 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60612).

City Contact

This project will be monitored by the City's Capital Planning & Engineering Bureau. If you have any questions or concerns during construction, please do not hesitate to contact the Resident Engineer, Charlie Oppliger, at (224) 630-5381. Questions about the project in general should be directed to Chris Sous, Assistant City Engineer, at (847) 859-7835 or csous@cityofevanston.org.

