



Project Newsletter

Public Works Agency



City of Evanston

2026 Fountain Square South Plaza Improvements:

March 20, 2026

Project Location and Description:

Beginning early April and continuing over the next few months, improvements will take place at Fountain Square South Plaza. Work will include excavation of the central grass area and installation of permeable pavers to match the existing plaza, replacement and upgrade of festoon lighting, removal of the existing irrigation system, installation of new landscape plantings, addition of site furnishings such as benches, and electrical and lighting upgrades. The entire south plaza will be fenced off during construction, and access to the plaza will not be available. Pedestrians should follow posted detours around the fenced area. Periods of inactivity will occur to allow newly installed pavements, tree plantings, and lighting systems to settle and establish. The City thanks residents and visitors for their patience while these important upgrades are completed.



During construction, the eastbound left turn lane on Sherman Avenue (east of Grove Street) will be closed, and detour signage will be placed in advance of work to provide necessary warning of the detour route. Left turns from Sherman Avenue on to Davis St will not be allowed for the duration of the project. The detour route will follow Sherman Avenue → Grove Street → Chicago Avenue → Davis Street, as turning left onto Davis Street from Sherman Avenue will be restricted to provide the necessary construction staging area. This staging area is intended to minimize impacts to parking, local businesses, and traffic backups along the corridor.

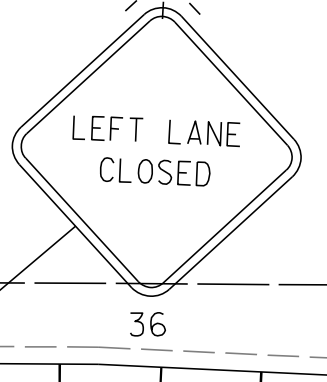
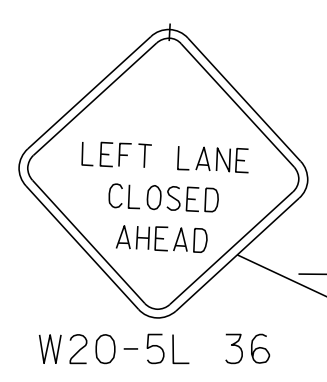
Project Detour Route: (Attached)

Contractor

The contractor for this project is Alliance Contractors, Inc. (1166 Lake Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60089).

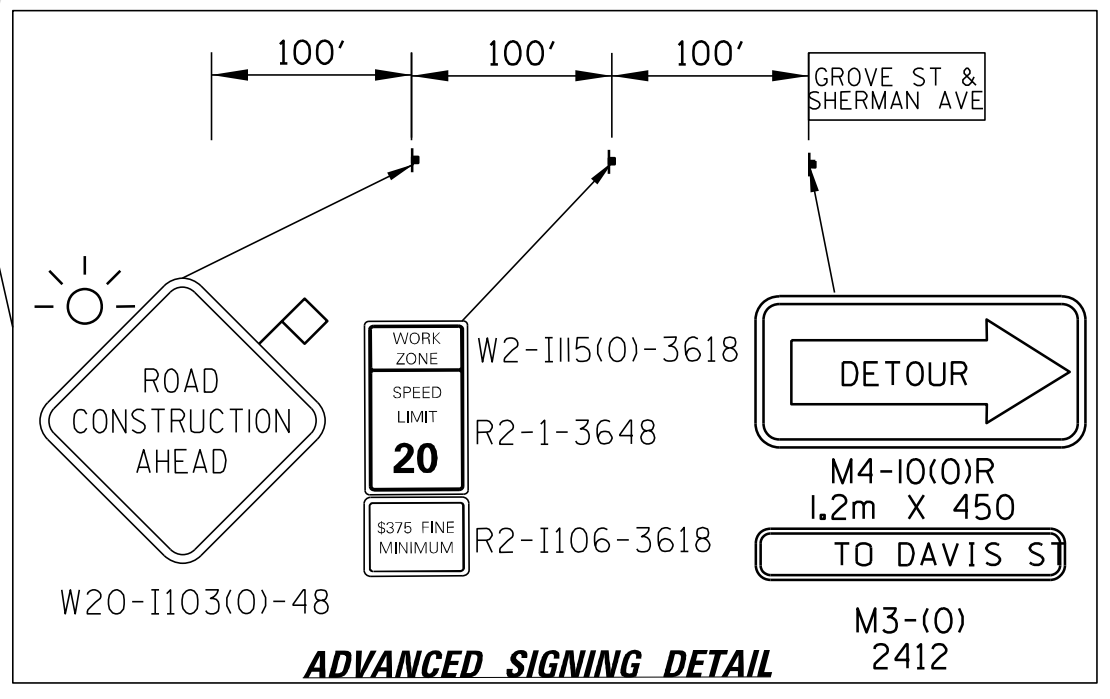
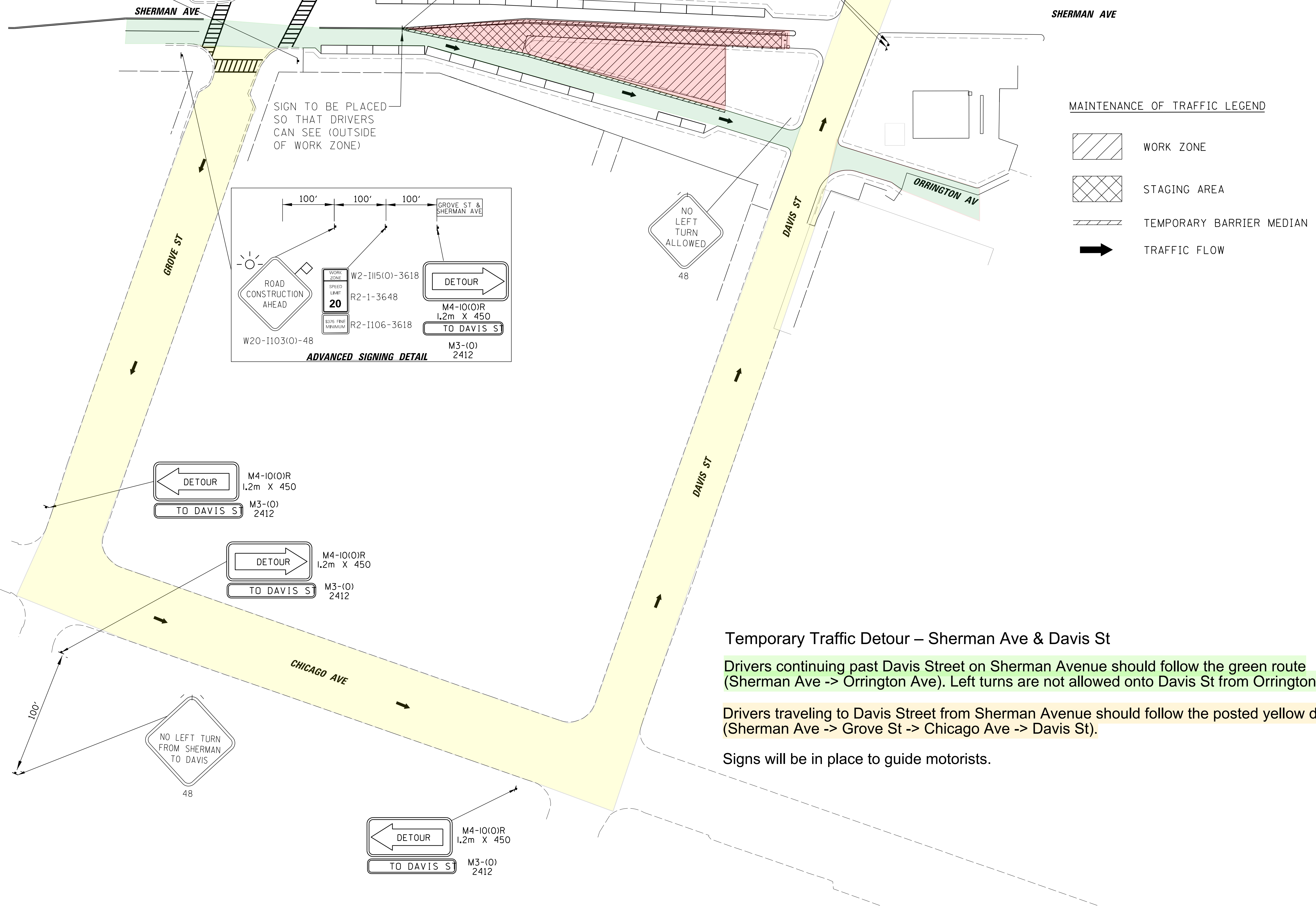
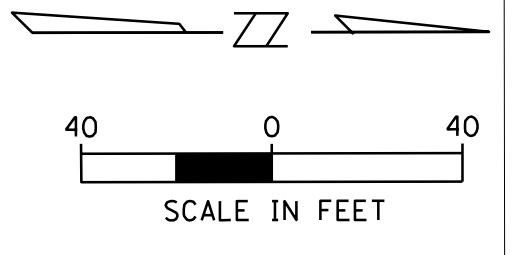
City Contact

This project will be monitored by the City's Capital Planning & Engineering Bureau. If you have any questions or concerns related to this project during construction, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager, Chris Sous, at (847) 651-6589 or csous@cityofevanston.org.



NOTE:

1. SEE SHEET MOT 2 FOR STAGING PLAN.



MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC LEGEND

- WORK ZONE
- STAGING AREA
- TEMPORARY BARRIER MEDIAN
- TRAFFIC FLOW

Temporary Traffic Detour – Sherman Ave & Davis St

Drivers continuing past Davis Street on Sherman Avenue should follow the green route (Sherman Ave -> Orrington Ave). Left turns are not allowed onto Davis St from Orrington Ave.

Drivers traveling to Davis Street from Sherman Avenue should follow the posted yellow detour route (Sherman Ave -> Grove St -> Chicago Ave -> Davis St).

Signs will be in place to guide motorists.

