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**Lake-Oak Park Intersection to Reopen Nov. 4;
Lake-Euclid Intersection to Close Until Thanksgiving**

Lake Street to Reopen by Thanksgiving

What/When: Better Lake Street has two upcoming milestones:

1. The Lake Street and Oak Park Avenue intersection will reopen to northbound, southbound and westbound traffic the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4. The intersection was closed on Sept. 10 to complete the streetscape phase of work in the Hemingway District that had been delayed to allow outdoor dining this summer.
2. When the Lake-Oak Park intersection reopens, crews will close the Lake-Euclid intersection for reconstruction; Lake Street will be closed between Oak Park and Euclid until Thanksgiving.

Details: Construction activities the next several days include the following:

- Finish installation of bricks at the Lake-Oak Park intersection by Saturday, Oct. 31.
- Complete traffic signal work at the Lake-Oak Park intersection on Monday, Nov. 2.
- Pave the level binder pavement on Tuesday, Nov. 3 between Oak Park and Forest Avenue.
- Install equipment and activate traffic signals at Lake and Forest on Wednesday, Nov. 4.
- Continue work next week to install bluestone pavers between Oak Park and Euclid avenues in the Hemingway District.

- Detours: Traffic access and detours will be as follows:
- The Lake and Oak Park intersection will be open to northbound, southbound and westbound traffic.
 - Eastbound traffic on Lake Street will be detoured at Oak Park Avenue to North Boulevard to East Avenue, then north to Lake.
 - Westbound traffic on Lake Street will detour at East Ave, south to South Blvd, west to Oak Park, north to Lake.

- Access : Access to businesses and buildings will be as follows:
- Access to restaurants and businesses with pick-up and delivery service will be maintained and coordinated on a case-by-case basis.
 - Some restaurants will maintain outdoor dining on Oak Park Avenue sidewalks and on locations adjacent to their buildings.
 - Better Lake Street communications/marketing team will work with Hemingway District restaurants and businesses to promote they are open for business during construction and other special access accommodations.
 - Pedestrian access to Lake Street and Oak Park Avenue sidewalks will remain open.
 - Temporary access to retail businesses and office buildings on Lake Street will be provided.
 - The Avenue Parking Garage will remain open.
 - Access to the Oak Park Avenue Green Line Station will remain open.
 - Bicycle traffic will be rerouted to North and South boulevards.

- Features: When complete, the Hemingway District will feature:
- New and rebuilt Lake Street, including a new intersection at Oak Park.
 - New sidewalks
 - New lighting
 - New traffic signals
 - New trees and landscaping
 - New furniture

Background: The Lake Street Improvement Project has several goals: improving traffic circulation and capacity, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle linkage between Oak Park's retail districts, replacing aging roadway and utilities, and strengthening Lake Street's role as the community's central tourism and retail corridor. Work will be completed by Thanksgiving 2020. Project information is available at www.betterlakestreet.com.

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