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**Lake Street Improvement Project
Begins Monday, March 2, 2020**

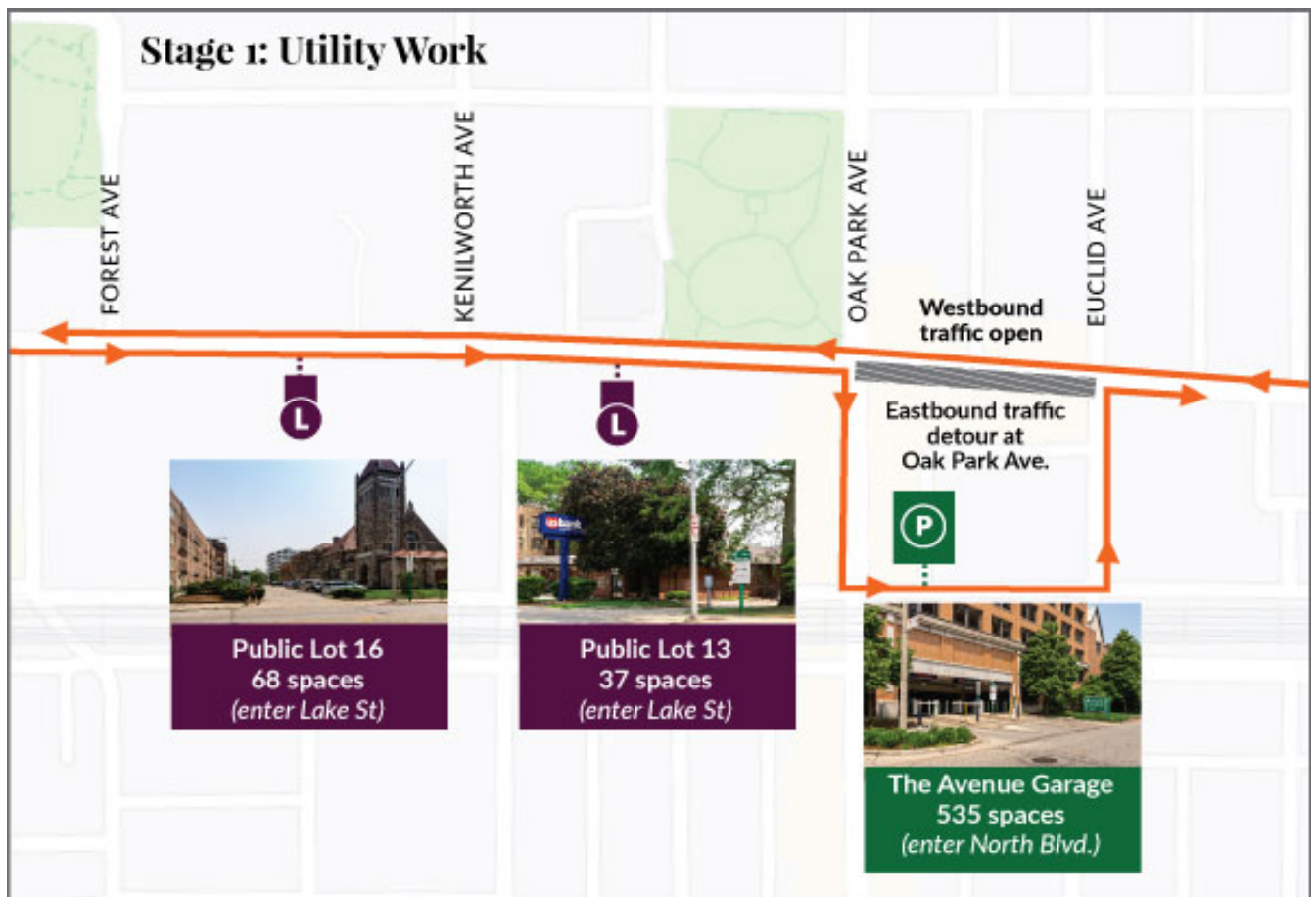
***Weather Permitting, Crews to Start Sewer and Utility Work on Lake Street
Between Oak Park Avenue and Euclid Avenue***

- What:** After years of planning, the Lake Street Improvement Project begins on Monday, March 2, 2020 when crews will begin Stage 1 of the work to remove and replace sewers and utilities that were installed in the 1890s.
- When:** Monday, March 2, 2020 (weather permitting)
- Where:** Lake Street, between Oak Park Avenue and Euclid Avenue, which is Stage 1 of the sewer and utility work. The sewer and utility phase of the Lake Street Improvement Project is between Grove Avenue and Euclid Avenue and is scheduled to be completed in May 2020.
- Impact:** The following traffic control measures are planned:
- One lane of westbound traffic will remain open at all times during all stage of sewer and utility construction.
 - Eastbound traffic at Oak Park Avenue for Stage 1 of the sewer and utility work will be detoured to North Boulevard (see map below). The detour will be activated when all the traffic control measures are onsite and installed.
 - There will be no parking on Lake Street in the construction zone. All businesses, shops, stores and restaurants in the area will be open and accessible throughout construction.

- The Avenue Parking Garage, which has 535 spaces, will be open and accessible during this phase of construction, which is expected to be complete in May 2020.

Why:

The Lake Street Improvement Project is getting underway with the goals of improving traffic circulation and capacity, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle linkage between retail districts, replacing aging roadway and utilities, and strengthening Lake Street's role as the community's central tourism and retail corridor. Project information is available at www.betterlakestreet.com.



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