



City of Franklin

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UPDATE ON WEST PUETZ ROAD SINKHOLE

FRANKLIN, WI., (June 19, 2024) – The City of Franklin Department of Sewer and Water Utilities announced that phase two of the repairs to the West Puetz Road sinkhole, located just east of the Root River Bridge, is in the final stages of completion. “While the project has been an inconvenience for those who utilize West Puetz Road, I’m happy to share that the pipe leak has officially been repaired and the concrete over the problem area was poured on Tuesday,” said Mike Roberts, Superintendent, City of Franklin Department of Sewer and Water. “Because the damaged pipe was 30’ down, we will need the rest of this week to fill the area with stone and dirt, and remove the shoring as we go along. Phase two is expected to be completed by Friday, June 21.”

Phase three, the top restoration, is the final stage of the project and scheduled to begin on Monday, June 24. The next project update will be provided to the community on Tuesday, June 25.

“I want to personally thank Mike Roberts and Kevin Schlueter, Superintendent with City of Franklin Public Works, for not only the meticulous work they have done to diagnose and repair the sinkhole, but the nonstop and tireless work their teams have done in the brutally hot temperatures. On behalf of the City of Franklin, we appreciate Mike and Kevin, and their incredible teams,” said City of Franklin Mayor John Nelson.

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*** The City of Franklin Department of Sewer and Water have provided two photos that show the massive scope and depth of the West Puetz Road sinkhole project.*

