

Wright Street extension a welcome project

We were glad to report this week that construction of the long-planned extension of Wright Street to Lakeshore Boulevard has finally gotten under way.

The \$750,000 project, which has been discussed for more than 10 years, is being undertaken by the Marquette firm Oberstar Inc.

The extension will cross the old Cliffs Dow property, a 77-acre tract the city purchased about eight years ago.

As it approaches Lakeshore Boulevard, Wright Street will curve slightly, making it perpendicular to the boulevard at the intersection.

Wright Street will intersect Lakeshore Boulevard about 400 feet north of the boulevard's intersection with Pine Street.

Pine Street will be modified to form a 90-degree intersection with Lakeshore

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Boulevard.

While Oberstar has set an estimated completion date of July 24, the project may be finished earlier. Motorists can expect short-term road closures at the intersections of Wright Street and Presque Isle Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard and Pine Street during the summer, but the affect should be minimal.

Wright Street funnels thousands of vehicles each day, acting as a main east-west traffic artery in the city.

Lakeshore Boulevard is also heavily traveled, especially during summer months by people using Presque Isle Park and other lakeshore recreation areas.

This is a major traffic improvement that will help keep traffic flowing during peak driving times. It's good to see the city moving ahead with this project.