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CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

Hopkins Street Reconstruction & Shady Oak Road Update

The contractor has tentatively scheduled construction work to resume the week of April 6, 2015 along Shady Oak Road and Trunk Highway 7 (TH 7). Changeable message boards have been set up to provide notifications and information regarding traffic impacts.

Between Mainstreet and Excelsior Boulevard the contractor will resume water main and storm sewer work. Pavement removals and installation of temporary water service are scheduled to begin next week. If your water service will be affected by construction you will receive notice in advance of any service interruption. Service outages will be coordinated with property owners by the City, County and contractor.

Between Mainstreet and TH 7 the contractor will resume grading operations. Pavement removal and excavation are scheduled to begin next week.

The contractor has scheduled work to improve the north shoulder of TH 7 east of Shady Oak Road and the Cottage Lane/TH 7 access to begin next week. To allow for the work, Cottage Lane at TH 7 will be closed starting next week. Work along Shady Oak Road north of TH 7 is scheduled to begin later this spring. The work in this area will necessitate a closure of Shady Oak Road north of TH 7. As the commencement of construction in this area nears, more information on closure dates and durations will be provided.

Because construction schedules are very weather-dependent, particularly in the spring and early summer, scheduled activities are subject to change. In order to best address uncertainties, the project team will be distributing future construction newsletters with schedule updates on a regular basis.

Local access to neighborhood properties will be maintained as much as possible. On-street parking (within the construction zone) will be prohibited during construction, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP

To avoid conflicts with construction activity, refuse and recycling collection will occur earlier in the day. Exact pick-up times may vary due to coordination with the construction work, however, **pick-up time will generally be at 6:00 a.m.**

PARKING, ACCESS & WORKING HOURS

At some times the efforts needed to reconstruct the streets and utilities can conflict with motorists' use of roadways and driveways.

The contractor will need all of the space in the street possible, therefore parking will not be allowed on project area streets during working hours. During the work day while the contractor works in the street, access to driveways will be maintained as much as possible, but some temporary access restrictions should be anticipated during the work day. Driveway access will be restored at the end of each work day.

WORKING HOURS

Typical working hours for the project will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, if necessary. Residents are asked to not park on the street during these times.

SAFETY ISSUES

The safety of Hopkins' residents is the highest priority of everyone involved in this project. While we will do our best to provide warning signs, barricades, and observation within the project areas, we do ask that you remind children to stay clear of the construction site and equipment. Trench excavations and stockpiles can be unstable at times. Materials such as newly placed, hot asphalt pavements can reach temperatures around 350° F. Given these potential dangers, we ask that everyone stay away from the construction areas with particular vigilance to keep children away from active construction.

PRIVATE SPRINKLER & INVISIBLE FENCE SYSTEMS

Residents within the project areas who have a private sprinkler system or invisible fencing for their pets are asked to **contact Nate Stanley at 952-548-6356 and make him aware of their locations.** Protection of

these systems is a priority to the project team whenever feasible. Contacting Dean to communicate the existence and location of these systems allows the project team to do so more effectively. If you are receiving this notice and do not live on a street which will be reconstructed, please disregard this section.

PROJECT CONTACT PERSONS

Nate Stanley is the City Engineer for the City of Hopkins. He can be reached at **(952) 548-6356** or **nstanleyhopkinsmn.com**

FUTURE INFORMATION & PROJECT INFO

The City has developed a website for the project:

<http://www.hopkinsmn.com/services/streets/construction/west-park-road.php>

The website will be updated with the latest project info, including copies of mailed newsletters and schedule updates from the contractor. Throughout construction, future *Construction Newsletters* similar to this version will be mailed or hand delivered to those residents affected by the construction. In addition to newsletters, notifications will also be delivered to properties affected by any temporary water shutdowns or access restrictions on an as-needed frequency.

The project team, including the City staff, engineers, and contractors, thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout construction.