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CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

Hopkins 2016 Street & Utility Improvements: City Project No. 2015-10

The City of Hopkins has received bids for the 2016 Street and Utility Improvements Project and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late April or early May, as soon as weather cooperates. A map of the construction area is included on the last page of this newsletter. This newsletter is intended to continue early coordination of items to be addressed during construction, including



- **Overview of Final Assessments, 2nd Neighborhood Meeting: February 25th**
- **Project Schedule**
- **The Construction Process**
- **Construction: What to Expect**
- **Boulevard Tree & Private Landscaping Impacts**
- **Water & Sewer Service Replacement**

OVERVIEW OF FINAL ASSESSMENTS & 2ND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The City has now received bids for the project and proposed final assessment amounts have been determined. Based on favorable bids, no special assessments are proposed to increase compared to preliminary estimates. Those receiving a new water and sewer service and owners of commercial properties will note a reduced final assessment compared to preliminary figures mailed in October. Property owners will receive a letter shortly with the proposed final assessment amount.

A 2nd neighborhood meeting has been scheduled to discuss final assessments, the construction process, and take questions on anything related to the project. The meeting is scheduled for:

6:00 PM
Thursday February 25th
Hopkins Center for the Arts

PROJECT SCHEDULE

A two phased construction schedule is proposed as shown in the map at the end of this newsletter. The following is an overview of the project schedule and may be updated as construction nears:

February 25 – Neighborhood Meeting at the Hopkins Center for the Arts (6:00 PM)

February 29 – Public Hearing on Special Assessments at City Hall, Award Construction Contract (7:00 PM City Council Meeting)

Late April / Early May – Begin Phase 1 Construction (Weather Dependent)

July / August – Phase 1 Streets Paved (1st layer), Begin Phase 2 Construction

September / October – Phase 2 Streets Paved (1st layer), Turf Restoration & Tree Planting

October / November – Work complete, final layer of pavement installation

THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

The street & utility reconstruction project will begin with removal of the existing pavement, which will be salvaged for reuse in building the new road. At about the same time, a temporary potable water distribution system will be established to serve each property during utility reconstruction. The contractor will layout a temporary water pipes on the ground surface outside of the road, from which smaller temporary water service lines will be run to each house. Sewer service will remain unaffected during construction.

Once the temporary water system is tested and operational, the existing sanitary sewer main pipes, water main pipes, and storm sewer pipes will be removed and replaced. Following installation of the mains, the contractor will remove and replace the sewer and water services to each property from the new main to the property line, which is typically located about 15 feet behind the curb. The existing sewer and water services between the property line and each house will not be replaced as part of the project, though they will be inspected. Utility construction typically lasts about 4 to 5 weeks after the pavement is removed.



Street reconstruction will begin by excavating and removing all material within the upper two feet of the existing roadbed to make space for the new gravel base and surface pavement. Once excavation work is complete the former pavement material, now ground up into gravel for reuse, will be brought back and placed in the street as the new (recycled) roadbed. This process will be followed with installation of new curb and gutter, concrete driveway aprons, and asphalt pavement. Two layers of asphalt will be installed in separate processes. Following utility construction, street reconstruction typically lasts about 3 to 4 weeks.

Boulevard restoration, including installation of organically-rich topsoil, sod, and trees, will occur following the first layer of street paving in September/October when conditions are most suitable. Following installation of these materials and completion of miscellaneous work, the final layer of pavement will be installed, completing the project in late October or November.

CONSTRUCTION: WHAT TO EXPECT

The construction process results in a great product at its completion, but can test one's patience along its course. While the negatives of construction are in many ways unavoidable, the City aims to reduce the burden through working with the City's contractor to minimize disruption, routine mailings and other communication, and on-site assistance for residents.



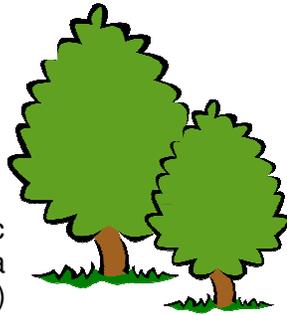
While the street and utilities are under construction, the contractor will need all of the space in the street possible. Therefore parking will not be allowed on the project area streets during the working hours. During the work day while the contractor works in the street, access to driveways will be provided as much as possible. Temporary access restrictions should be anticipated during the work day, however. The project team understands the need for access to each property, therefore the streets will be temporarily restored at the end of each work day and access to private driveways will generally be available each night.

In general, access conditions are most challenging after rainfall. Heavy traffic over muddy streets makes conditions worse. Residents will be encouraged to drive on paved roadways and alleys whenever that alternative exists. Alleys and alternative roadways are also encouraged as alternative routes when streets are closed for utility construction.

Typical working hours for the project will be 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. Parking will be prohibited on streets under construction.

To combat the challenges of construction, the City has a multi-faceted approach to communication. In general, newsletters will be provided on a monthly basis, project website updates will be completed weekly, and property notices will be delivered to front doors as often as daily. Additionally, the City has established a Twitter account for more immediate information (also viewable on the website if you are not Twitter-savvy) and will have an on-site contact for residents. Residents will be provided the cell phone of the on-site contact who is there to represent the City and its residents through the construction process. Contact information can be found in the Project Contacts section.

TREES & PRIVATE LANDSCAPING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

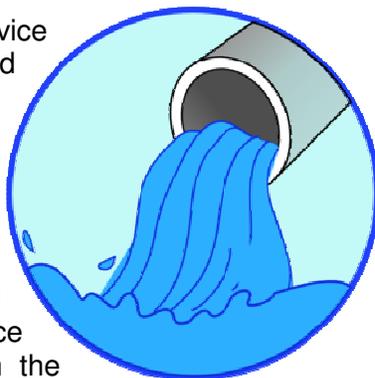


While the location of the public right-of-way (the property area under the control of the City) varies from one place to the next, in this project area it is generally located about 15 feet behind the curb. The new street and utilities will all be constructed within the boundaries of the public right-of-way, as well as any grading work necessary. Trees located within the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the City. In some cases, property owners have installed private landscaping materials within the public right-of-way.

The project design team has reviewed the location of trees and landscaping material and determined that impacts to them are possible or even likely despite design efforts to avoid them. Also, neighborhood boulevard trees have been reviewed for their condition and disease susceptibility by the City Forester. Trees in poor condition are proposed to be removed as part of the project. Property owners located adjacent to right-of-way with known or potential impacts to boulevard trees or private landscaping will be receiving a letter in February regarding these impacts. The letter will provide an opportunity for residents to coordinate on these topics and provide input if desired. Proposed tree removals will be marked in March with a pink ribbon.

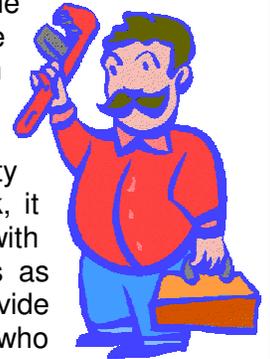
WATER & SEWER REPLACEMENT: PROPERTY LINE TO THE HOME

Water and sewer service lines are privately owned by the properties they serve. Throughout the project area, to prevent future costly repairs by homeowners the City will be replacing each property's water and sanitary sewer service pipes from the main (in the street) to the property line (about 15' behind the curb). At this connection point, the existing sewer and water service pipes will remain. These existing lines will be inspected prior to reconnection.



In past project areas, upon inspection the City has discovered lead water and/or crumbling sewer service pipes to some properties. State environmental and health codes state that such pipes be replaced if discovered. If this is discovered at your property, the City's inspector will knock on your door to notify you verbally if you are home when the work occurs. Property owners will receive a letter with this information if it applies to your property.

On past City projects, some property owners have viewed the street and utility project as an opportunity to replace water and sewer service lines in full, all the way to the home. While the City does not participate in such work, it is willing to coordinate with contractors to make this process as seamless as possible and provide contacts for plumbing contractors who have done this work in Hopkins:



- Groth Sewer & Water 612-250-6395
- Highview Plumbing 952-933-8600
- Coppins Sewer & Water 952-955-1588

Residents interested in undertaking additional private plumbing work on their own can contact these companies directly. Please note, residents do not need to use these contractors to do this work nor is this intended as a list of recommended plumbers. This list is provided for convenience and at the request of property owners.

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Nick Amatuccio, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., will be on the project site representing the City and its residents and business owners. If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, the project, or anything in general, you may approach him on site or call his cell phone at **(612) 965-3926**.



Mike Waltman, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., will be the City's Project Manager this summer. He can be reached at **(952) 890-0509** or **(612) 221-6946** or mikewa@bolton-menk.com

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

FUTURE INFORMATION & PROJECT INFO

www.bolton-menk.com/hopkins2016

The website will be updated on about a weekly basis 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.

Should residents desire additional updates they can contact any of the individuals listed in the "Project Contact Persons" section who will be glad to assist.

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

PROJECT LOCATION & PHASING MAP

CITY OF HOPKINS 2016 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

LEGEND

- █ PHASE 1,
(SPRING – JULY/AUGUST*)
- █ PHASE 2
(JULY/AUGUST*– OCTOBER)

- Phase 2 to begin upon paving of stage 1, estimated July/August date may vary based on weather and contractor scheduling
- Final paving to occur in early November for both phases
- As construction occurs, schedule updates to be provided via newsletters, website, flyers, etc.



STREETS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED:

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