

April 15, 2011

Dear Resident:

Here is an update on the status of the project.

**Construction Status:**

At the public hearing for the project on February 1, it was discussed that a variance would be requested from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to accommodate parking along certain segments of the roadway.

Since that time, the variance has been granted and construction of the project is planned to move forward this summer. Currently, final plans and bid documents are being prepared and the project is scheduled to be awarded by the City Council on June 7. It is anticipated that construction will start mid-June.

W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street is planned to be closed in segments, for cut-thru traffic, and a detour will be set up for the duration of the project; however, residents that access their properties from West 44<sup>th</sup> Street will still be able to do so during the project.

Water main services will be replaced from the street main to the curb stop for properties located between Wooddale Avenue and Grimes Avenue. A temporary water main system will be in place to provide water service to the affected properties. The contractor and a field representative will be in contact with you to coordinate this work in June.

In addition, private utility relocations (gas, electric, etc) are anticipated to start prior to the street reconstruction. Center Point Energy (CPE) plans to install a new gas main along the north side of the roadway with new service connections to each home starting in late May. CPE is to notify you at least one week before they begin working at your property.

Once we get closer to construction, we will update you on the construction schedule, including details on how the construction will be phased to accommodate access in the area, and other pertinent construction information.

**Communication:**

You can view a drawing of the planned street improvements on the W 44<sup>th</sup> Street Project website at: [http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/Departments/L5\\_ConstructionProjects\\_BA383W44thSt.htm](http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/Departments/L5_ConstructionProjects_BA383W44thSt.htm)

The primary method of communicating with you will be the City Extra email notification service. The City's Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive messages from the City regarding this project and any other project of interest. To sign up for the service, go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com>. Follow the instructions to sign up and then select '44<sup>th</sup> Street-Minnesota Highway 100 to France Avenue' from the list of projects under Public

Works. Any information you provide will be confidential, and only specific information you request will be sent to you. Your subscriptions are protected by your own personal password.

Weekly updates will be posted on the website and sent out via the City Extra mailing when construction begins.

If you do not have access to email or the internet, please call me at 763-287-7162 and I will have hard copy correspondences sent to you, to keep you informed.

**Project Contacts**

Please feel free to call me, Shibani Bisson at WSB & Associates, Inc., with questions and concerns.

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