

August 26, 2011

W. 44th Street (Brookside Terrace to France Avenue) Improvement Project

Dear Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents, while the second section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents.

Phase Updates

Phase 1 (Between Wooddale Avenue and France Avenue)

Eton Place to France Avenue

The roadway is planned to be paved on August 30 or August 31. Parking is still not allowed on W. 44th until paving is complete, so you will need to park in alternate areas to access your home or business.

Wooddale Avenue to Eton Place

The contractor continues installing concrete driveway aprons and sidewalk. You will still not be able to use your driveway until September 1 or until the ribbon is removed, in order to allow the concrete to set up.

The roadway is planned to be paved on August 30 or August 31. Parking is still not allowed on W. 44th until paving and the sidewalk is complete, so you will need to park in alternate areas to access your home or business.

Irrigation Repairs

During the week of September 6, the irrigation subcontractor will start repairing irrigation systems that were damaged. The contractor will be visiting each home to coordinate the work with you. If you are not home, the contractor will leave a notification letter at your door to schedule an appointment with you. The contact person who is coordinating this work is Joe Barutsck with Premier Irrigation. He can be contacted at 952-292-5370.

If your irrigation system was damaged due to Center Point Energy's work, please contact me.

Phase 2 (Between Mackey Avenue and Wooddale Avenue)

The contractor will be constructing utility improvements during the next week. Access will be limited during the day for the utility work occurring in front of your property, including the access to Glen Place and Dart Avenue. There may be times during the day when you may

not have access; however, the roadway will be accessible by the end of each day. The contractor will place a bright green doorknob hanger to notify you in advance of access restrictions. Keep in mind, that construction operations may change throughout the day and may not proceed as planned, however the contractor will attempt to keep you informed as soon as possible. Residents that live on Dart Avenue and Glen Place may need to enter from the east or west on W. 44th depending on where the utility work is taking place each day.

There may be temporary water shutoffs at times during the day to complete watermain work. You will be notified via a door knob hanger when your water may be shutoff.

Irrigation Systems

If you haven't done so, please mark the location of your irrigation system along the roadway and your driveway. Please contact the project inspector if you have any questions about how best to locate and mark your irrigation system. If the contractor encounters your irrigation lines during construction, they will cap the system and repair it after the street work is complete. You will still be able to operate the other parts of your system that are not capped.

If your irrigation system was damaged due to Center Point Energy's work, please contact me.

Boulevard Plantings

If you have plantings or other landscape items that are currently located in the boulevard and wish to transplant or salvage these items, please remove them as soon as possible. It is very important to do this now, as the current utility work may require your plantings to be removed. The contractor will try to minimize impacts to the boulevard areas as much as possible; however your plantings or landscaping could be damaged if they are not removed.

Construction Staking

During construction, the project surveyor will place wooden stakes in the road right of way for the contractor's use in constructing the streets and utilities. It is important to leave the stakes in the ground until after construction has been completed. The contractor will promptly remove the stakes when they are no longer needed.

On-street Parking

On-street parking will not be allowed at any time during the project. Please inform guests, customers, and private contractors of this.

Overall Updates

Wooddale Avenue and W 44th Street Intersection Closure

The intersection of Wooddale and W. 44th will be closed starting the afternoon of August 25 thru August 29 for concrete work within the roadway. Thru traffic along Wooddale will not be able to cross W. 44th during this period. Drivers traveling south on Wooddale will not be able to access W. 44th; however, drivers traveling north on Wooddale will be able to access W. 44th for local access only. The intersection is scheduled to reopen on August 30.

Detours

Drivers using W. 44th as a cut-thru should follow detour signage along W. 50th Street, as well as on France Avenue and Brookside Avenue to detour around the construction area. Please do not use Mackey Avenue as your cut-thru route. Drivers traveling on Eton Place, Grimes Avenue, Curve Avenue, Browndale Avenue and Mackey Avenue should avoid crossing W. 44th and should use alternate routes.

Pre-Construction Survey:

The contractor is required to hire an independent testing laboratory (ITL) to provide you the opportunity to have an interior and exterior pre-construction survey of your property completed in order to establish a baseline record relevant to the pre-existing conditions of your home or structure prior to commencement of construction.

The ITL, Jay Houser of Loss Prevention (612-386-0622), may have already contacted you or will be contacting you to schedule an appointment to perform the surveys. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Special Events or Deliveries

Please contact the project inspector if you have any special events planned during construction that may require special access to your home. The contractor will work with you as much as possible to accommodate your needs.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials. These sites, machines, and materials can be dangerous. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Speeding

Please exercise caution and slow down when driving in and around the construction zone. Be aware that vehicles ahead of you may stop unexpectedly and large construction equipment may have limited visibility. The City of Edina police department will be patrolling the neighborhood to monitor that all traffic through the construction zone is obeying the law.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life- or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 will have a list of the contractor's emergency contacts.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Shibani Bisson, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7162, sbisson@wsbeng.com, or our on-site project inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,

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