

August 5, 2011

## **W. 44<sup>th</sup> 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)**

##### **Wooddale Avenue to the 44<sup>th</sup> Street Dentist Office**

Utility work continues between Wooddale Avenue and just east of Eton Place with storm sewer installation. All utility work in this area is planned to be complete the week of August 8.

The contractor plans to start removing the temporary water system for properties between Wooddale Avenue and Eton Place in the next week. The contractor will be visiting each home and business to coordinate the reconnection of your water service to the rehabilitated watermain in the street. If you are not home, the Contractor will leave a notification letter at your door to schedule an appointment with you.

Removal of the sidewalk and grading of the street is planned to start on August 11.

##### **44<sup>th</sup> Street Dentist Office to France Avenue**

The contractor plans to start grinding the pavement and removing sections of the curb and gutter and sidewalk starting on August 8 from the 44<sup>th</sup> Street Dentist Office to France Avenue. Utility work and reconstruction of the street will immediately follow this work and is planned to be complete within two weeks. On-street parking will not be allowed during this time.

##### **Access**

You will still be able to access your property from W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street; however utility work may be occurring in front of your property and there may be times during the day when you may not have access. The contractor will place a bright green doorknob hanger to notify you in advance of driveway access restrictions.

The contractor is continuing to control dust and grade the roadway to make sure the street and driveways are passable in the construction area. If you have any concerns regarding access, please contact the on-site project inspector, George Bender, at 612-360-1321.

##### **Irrigation Systems**

If you haven't done so, please mark the location of your irrigation system along the roadway and your driveway. It is very important to do this now, as the contractor will be removing the sidewalk on August 11 in the residential areas. 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.

### **Boulevard Plantings**

You should have already contacted the onsite project inspector if you have any plantings or other landscape items in the boulevard. It is very important to do this now, as the contractor will be removing the sidewalk on August 11 in the residential areas. 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.

### **Overall Updates**

#### **Wooddale Avenue and W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection**

The intersection of Wooddale Avenue and W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street continues to be open to thru traffic traveling on Wooddale Avenue crossing W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Thru traffic along W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street is open to local traffic only.

#### **Detours**

Drivers using W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street as a cut-thru should follow detour signage along 50<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as on France Avenue and Brookside Avenue to detour around the construction area. Drivers traveling on Eton Place, Grimes Avenue and Curve Avenue should avoid crossing W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street 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.

#### **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.

#### **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](mailto:sbisson@wsbeng.com), or our on-site project inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,

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