



City of Edina

**Construction Update No. 1
W. 44th Street (Brookside Terrace to France Avenue) Improvement Project
Contract No. ENG 11-7**

June 13, 2011

Dear Resident:

The Edina City Council and St. Louis Park City Council have awarded the West 44th street improvement project to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. The contractor, Northwest Asphalt, is scheduled to install construction signage for the project on June 13 and begin the street and utility work on June 20. The remainder of this letter will summarize the project and provide contact information for you if you have any questions or concerns.

Project Schedule

Construction will be completed in three phases (See Exhibit A).

Phase 1:

Wooddale Avenue to Eton Place – Street and utility work will start June 20. This segment is anticipated to be complete by mid-August.

Eton Place to France Avenue – Street and utility work is anticipated to start toward the end of July and be complete by mid-August.

Phase 2:

Mackey Avenue to Wooddale Avenue – This section will begin after Phase 1 is complete. Street and utility work is anticipated to start mid-August and is anticipated to be complete by November.

Phase 3:

Mackey Avenue to Brookside Terrace – This section will most likely be completed during October 2011 and includes a bituminous mill and overlay of the street.

Please note that the above dates are subject to change dependent on weather conditions. It is anticipated the entire project should be completed by October 28, 2011. There may be final cleanup activities, but the roadway will operate with no detours starting October 28, 2011.

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The Contractor plans to work Monday through Saturday for the duration of the project. Work hours will vary between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

Detours and Access (See Exhibit B)

Detour signs will be installed at France Avenue and Brookside Avenue directing cut-thru traffic to detour around the project area via 50th Street. The signage will be noted as "Road Closed To Thru Traffic"; however, residents that access their properties from West 44th Street will be able to during the project. There may be periods during the day where you may not be able to access your home or business when driveway work is being completed. You will be notified in advance of driveway closures and the project inspector, George Bender (612-360-1321), will be able to assist you in coordinating access to your property. Service vehicles such as emergency, garbage, postal, school buses, etc., will maintain their routes along West 44th Street.

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 to establish a baseline record relevant to the pre-existing conditions of your home or structure prior to commencement of construction. We do not anticipate any damage due to construction of the roadway; however, this survey is very typical for larger projects and protects both the property owner and the contractor. The site survey is being provided at no cost to you and is completely voluntary.

The ITL, Jay Houser of Loss Prevention (612-386-0622), will be contacting you to schedule an appointment to perform the surveys.

CenterPoint Energy Gas Main Relocations:

CenterPoint Energy (CPE) continues to install a new gas main between France Avenue and Mackey Avenue. A new service connection will be installed to each home. CPE is required to notify you at least one week before they begin working at your property for the service connections.

CPE is required to keep the roadway open at all times during their work; however, at times the roadway will be narrowed to accommodate their construction equipment.

Temporary Water Service

Properties between Wooddale Avenue and France Avenue will require a temporary water service to be installed prior to the watermain improvements. The temporary water service pipe will connect to your outside hose spigot and extend along the front of your yard. Portions of the pipe will be buried under your driveway or in the street.

The contractor plans to start laying out the water pipe and making the connections to your outside hose bib starting the week of June 13 for properties located between Wooddale Avenue and Eton Place. The contractor plans to have the temporary watermain system operational starting the week of June 20. Prior to the temporary water system being in use,

there will be a period of time when you will not have water service. You will be notified of this via a doorknob hanger.

Please be careful when cutting your grass near the temporary water service pipe. It is possible to cut the pipe with a lawn mower blade and cause a leak. Also, once the temporary water system is in place, do not shut off the hose bib that connects the temporary water service pipe to the house (the water will be shut off to the house). If applicable, please pass these warnings along to your lawn service company.

On-street Parking

On-street parking will not be allowed during construction operations and working hours. Please inform guests, customers, and private contractors of this.

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 contact George Bender (612-360-1321) to coordinate when you will need to complete this.

Special Events or Deliveries

Please contact George Bender (612-360-1321), if you have any special events planned during construction that may require special access to your home. Such events could include graduation parties, wedding receptions, medical deliveries, etc. 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.

Trash/RecyclingService

Trash pickup during the construction project should be unaffected. West 44th Street will be open to traffic in the mornings when garbage trucks are usually doing their pickups. The companies will be notified of this.

Project Communication

You can view a layout of the street improvements called "Layout of Planned Improvements" on the West 44th Street Project website at:

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 "44th 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 service when construction begins. All future correspondence will be through the City Extra email notification service.

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

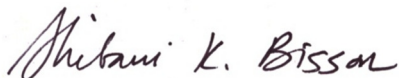
Who to Contact in an Emergency

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 inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,



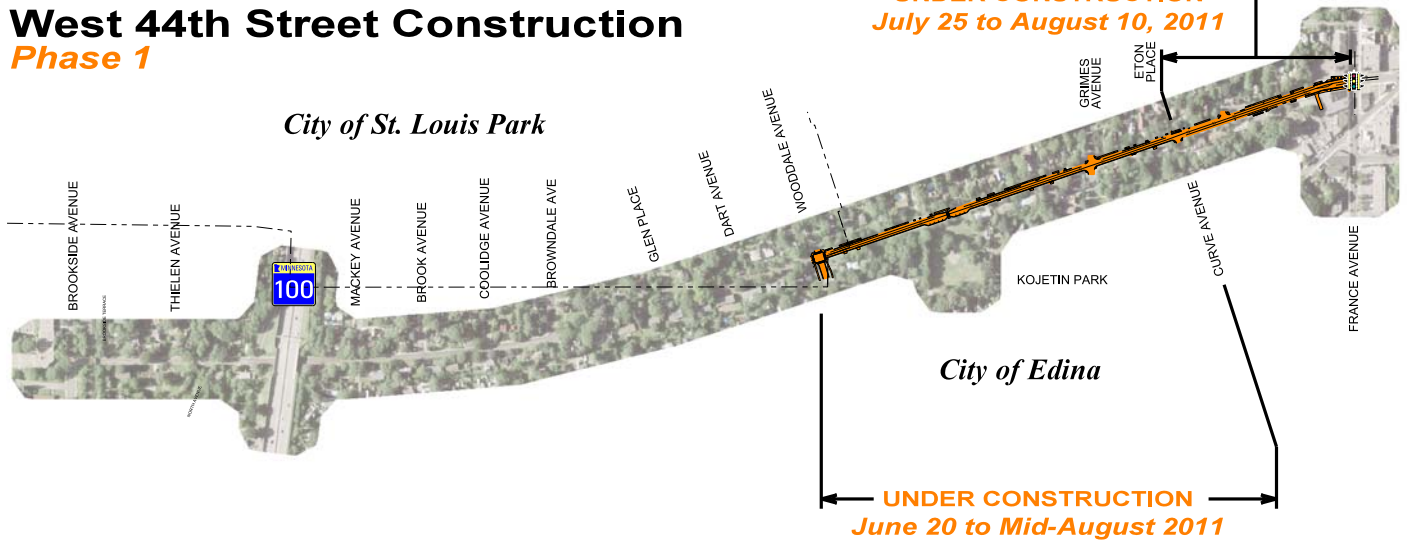
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Enclosure

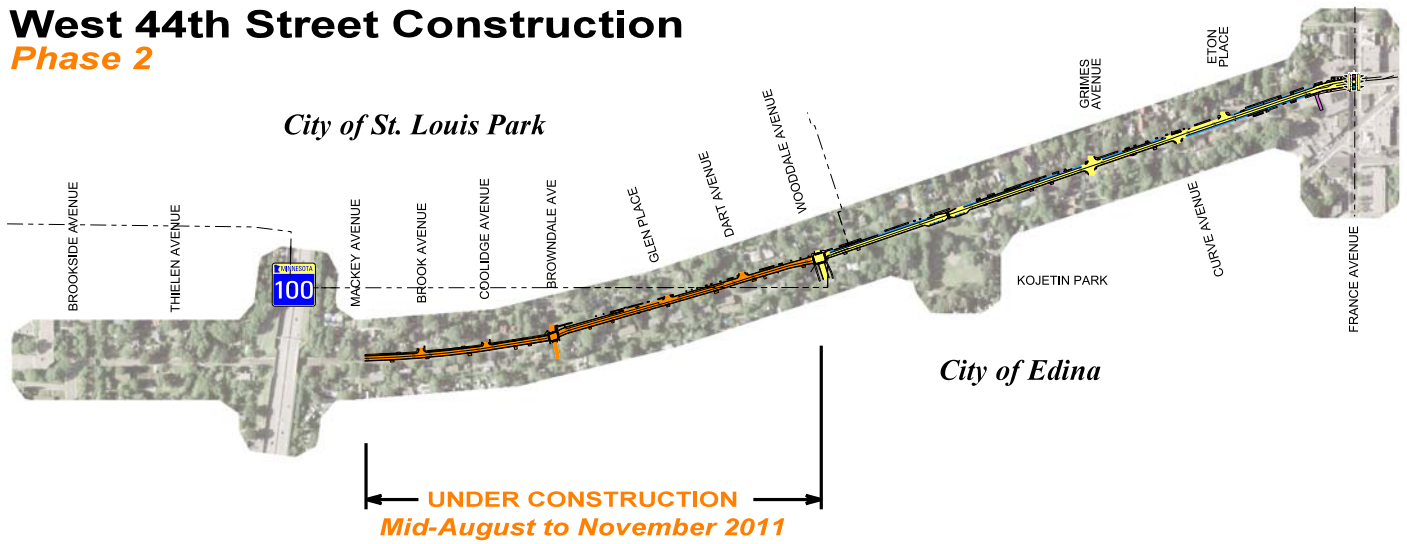
cc: Wayne D. Houle, City of Edina
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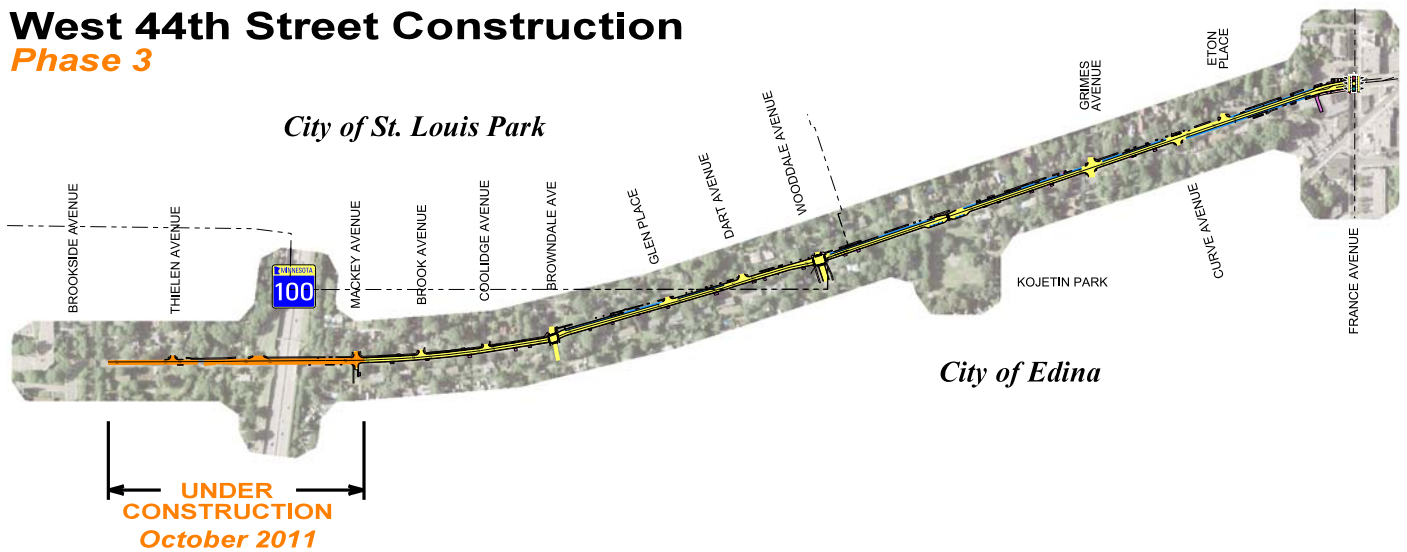
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July 25 to August 10, 2011



West 44th Street Construction Phase 2



West 44th Street Construction Phase 3



44th Street Improvements



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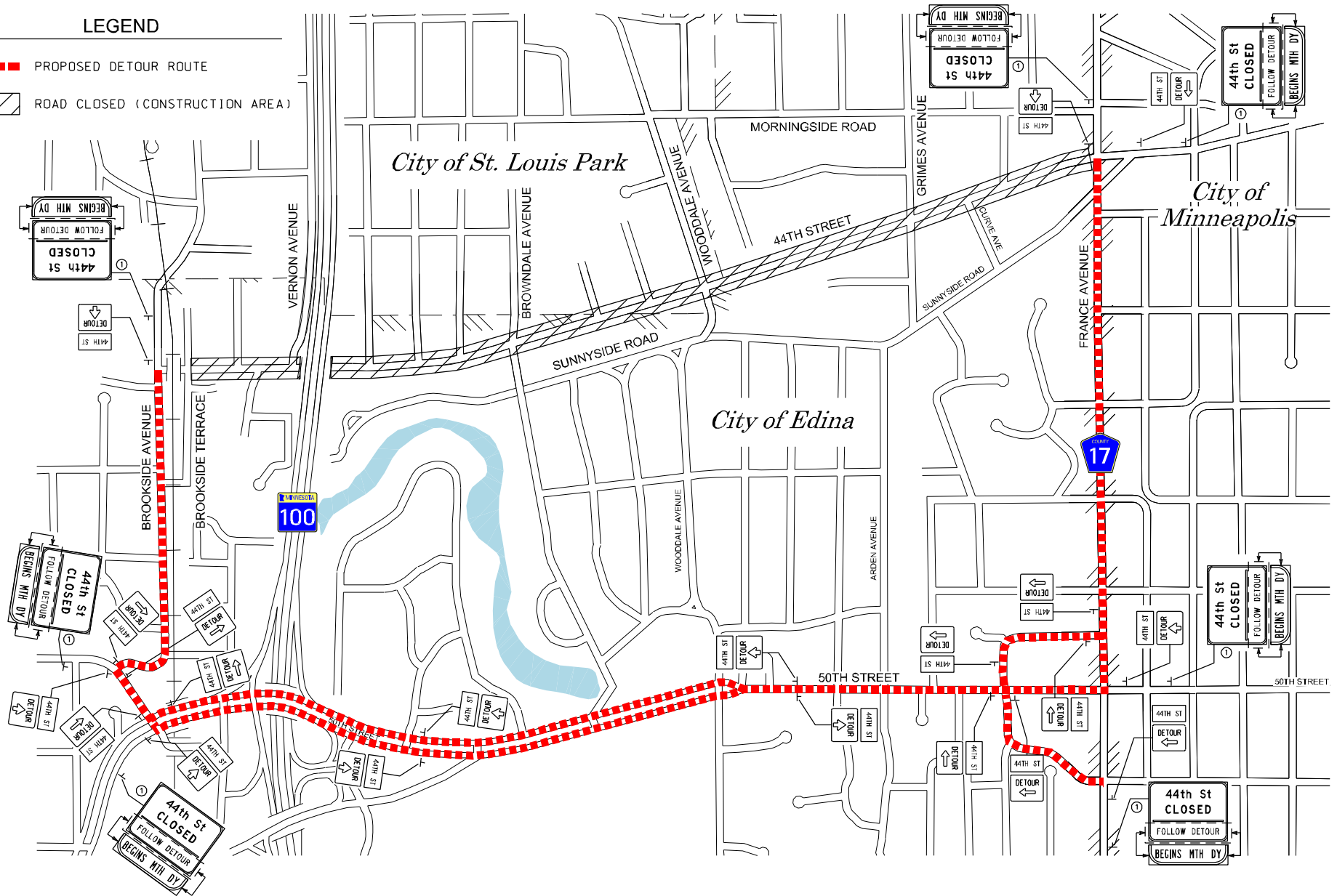
Exhibit A

West 44th Street Construction

Detour Route - April to November, 2011

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED DETOUR ROUTE
-  ROAD CLOSED (CONSTRUCTION AREA)



44th Street Improvements
Cities of Edina & St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Exhibit B