

July 1, 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)

Gas Main

CenterPoint Energy's (CPE) contractor continues installing the new gas main. The new gas main has been installed between France Avenue and Mackey Avenue; and CPE will continue installing the new main west towards Brookside Terrace. New gas service lines have been installed to properties between France Avenue and Grimes Avenue. CPE's contractor will continue working their way west with the installation of new service lines from Grimes Avenue to Wooddale Avenue in the next several weeks. CPE will notify you before they begin working at your property.

Sidewalk and Curb Removals

The contractor has completed the majority of the curb removals from Eton Place to Wooddale Avenue. A majority of the sidewalk is scheduled to remain in place until the utility work in the street is complete to allow access to your property. There will be segments of the sidewalk that will be removed if your water service is being replaced. After utility work is complete, the contractor will remove the remaining sidewalk and replace it with new sidewalk. You will be informed in subsequent City Extra updates as to when these activities will occur.

Temporary Water System

The temporary water main system is operational from Wooddale Avenue to Grimes Avenue and will be online for the next few weeks.

The temporary water system between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue is scheduled to be operational the week of July 5. The contractor will contact you prior to switching you over to the temporary water system. After the temporary water system is operational, you may notice your tap water is warmer than usual. This is normal and happens because the water pipe is above ground rather than below. Additionally, water main reconstruction may cause rust colored water. This too is normal. Flush your faucets by running all of them at the same time for several minutes and this will remove the rust color. You may need to clean off the aerator in each of your faucet heads after flushing.

Utility Work

Replacement of the water main between Wooddale Avenue and Grimes Avenue is underway and is scheduled to be complete next week. Storm sewer pipe construction and water service work will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Cleaning and lining of the water main pipe between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue is scheduled to take place the week of July 5. The City of Minneapolis is completing this work under contract with the City of Edina. All business and property owners between Grimes Avenue from Eton Place to France Avenue will have water available through the temporary watermain system until the construction of the pipe lining is complete.

Following the pipe lining, the City of Minneapolis will contact each property owner to coordinate flushing of your water service line at each water meter located within your property. .

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 utility work is complete. You will still be able to operate the other parts of your system that are not capped.

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.

Overall Updates

Detours and Access

You will still be able to access your property from West 44th Street; however, when utility or driveway work is being completed there may be periods during the day when you may not have access. You will be notified in advance of driveway closures and the project inspector will be able to assist you in coordinating access to your property.

The intersection of Wooddale Avenue and W 44th Street is anticipated to be closed for 2-3 days during the week of July 13 for utility work. Advance warning will be in place to notify drivers of the closure.

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. 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 City does not receive the survey

information. The property owner will receive a complete copy of this information for their records.

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.

Boulevard Plantings

You should have already contacted the onsite project inspector if you have any plantings or other landscape items in the boulevard. If you have not done so, please call the onsite project inspector to discuss moving your plantings and landscaping. 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.

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. 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.

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 neighborhoods 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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