

July 29, 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)

Wooddale Avenue to the 44th 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 by August 5.

On August 5, the contractor plans to start removing the temporary water system for properties between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue. 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.

44th 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 44th 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. 44th 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.

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.

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

Gas Main

Center Point Energy (CPE) is complete with their work for the project.

Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street Intersection

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

Detours

Drivers using W. 44th Street as a cut-thru should follow detour signage along 50th 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. 44th 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, or our on-site project inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,

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