

July 8, 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 has completed installing the new gas main. CPE continues to install new gas service lines.

Utility Work

Replacement of the water main between Wooddale Avenue and Grimes Avenue is complete. Storm sewer pipe construction and water service work will follow next week. A large storm water treatment structure will be installed in front of the 44th Street Dental parking lot from July 12-13. Thru traffic on W. 44th Street will be restricted at the westerly entrance to the dental office parking lot during this time.

Cleaning and lining of the water main pipe between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue is complete. The City of Minneapolis is completing this work under contract with the City of Edina. All business and property owners between Grimes Avenue and France Avenue will have water available through the temporary watermain system until the construction of the pipe lining and testing is complete. 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.

Access

You will still be able to access your property from West 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.

As mentioned above, thru traffic on W 44th Street will be restricted at the westerly entrance to the 44th Street Dental office parking lot from July 12 to July 13.

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.

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

Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street Intersection Closure

The intersection of Wooddale Avenue and W. 44th Street will be completely closed from July 13-15 and then again from July 18-20 for utility and street work. Thru traffic along Wooddale Avenue will not be able to cross W. 44th Street during this period. Drivers coming east on W. 44th Street will not be able to access Wooddale Avenue during this period. Advance warning signage is in place notifying drivers of the closure. The intersection will be opened back up to traffic for the week-end of July 16-17.

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.

Boulevard Plantings

You should have already contacted the onsite project inspector if you have any plantings or other landscape items in the boulevard. 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. 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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