

September 23, 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)**

##### **Irrigation Repairs**

Premiere Lawn and Snow, LLC is nearing completion of the irrigation repairs. Sprinkler heads will be adjusted after the restoration is complete. If you have any questions regarding the irrigation work please contact Joe Bartusek at premierelawn@gmail.com.

##### **Restoration**

Restoration of the boulevard areas will continue into next week. Please do not water the restored areas more than once a day to allow for proper germination of the seed.

##### **Driveway Repairs**

Driveway repairs are anticipated to take place the week of September 26 on the south side of the roadway in the business areas near France Avenue. The repairs are needed to meet design standards American Disabilities Act requirements for sight-challenged pedestrians.

##### **On-street Parking**

Please do not park on the street as the contractor will still be working in the area completing the restoration work, miscellaneous utility work, cleanup and other minor work in the area. The contractor's equipment and materials will be placed within the roadway to complete this work. Please watch your speed as their will be equipment moving around in the area.

#### **Phase 2 (Between Mackey Avenue and Wooddale Avenue)**

##### **Curb and Gutter and Driveway Work**

A majority of the new concrete driveway aprons have been installed. If you have an asphalt driveway, the contractor will come back the week of September 26 to complete the remaining portion of your driveway to match into your new apron. The contractor will remove the ribbon across your driveway to identify when you will be able to access your driveway.

## **Paving**

Final grading of the roadway is scheduled for September 26 in order for paving operations to take place on September 27 and 28. Street and driveway access will not be available during the day from September 26-28 for residents with driveways along W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street to accommodate trucks and equipment utilizing the roadway. Please move any vehicles you need out of your driveway and park them at an alternate location by 7:00 a.m. on September 26, 27 and 28.

If you are accessing Glen Place and Dart Avenue, you may experience delays while construction equipment and trucks are operating in the area on September 26 and 28. Please use caution if you must utilize W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street during this period. Paving operations are anticipated to take place on September 27 past Glen Place and Dart Avenue. Please move your vehicles and park them at an alternate location by 7:00 a.m.

Residents along W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Glen Place and Dart Avenue will receive a notice at your doorway regarding the access restrictions.

## **Sidewalk**

Sidewalk placement will take place late in the week of September 26.

## **School Bus Service**

We are still communicating with the various school bus companies to coordinate their routes and bus stops around the construction area. If you have questions regarding this, please call your representative bus company or myself.

## **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.

## **Phase 3 (Between Brookside Terrace and Mackey Avenue)**

### **Utility Work/Access to Brookside Terrace**

New conduits for a future fiber optic system continue to be directional drilled between Brookside Terrace and Mackey Avenue.

### **Curb and Gutter/ Sidewalk Replacements**

Removal and replacement of certain segments of the curb and gutter and sidewalk will continue to take place the week of September 26.

### **Driveways**

Concrete driveway aprons are currently being installed. After your new concrete driveway apron has been installed, there will be no vehicle access across it for up to 7 days to allow the concrete to cure. The contractor will be placing ribbon across your driveway to identify when you will not be able to access your driveway.

### **Milling of Pavement**

Milling of the upper 2 inches of pavement is scheduled to take place in the morning, starting at 7 a.m., on September 26. Please avoid driving on the roadway on the morning of September 26 as there will be equipment and several trucks using the roadway during this time. You will be able to drive on the roadway in the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> after the milling is complete.

## **Overall Updates**

### **Irrigation Systems/Boulevard Plantings**

Please contact the project inspector if you have any questions about your irrigation system and/or boulevard plantings that may be or has been impacted by construction.

### **Final Wear Course Paving**

After the entire roadway is paved (from Mackey Avenue to France Avenue) with the first lift of pavement and restoration of the boulevard areas are complete, the contractor will pave the final lift of pavement for the entire project. This is anticipated to occur in mid-October. This will require the contractor to close segments of the roadway at a time, but the closures will be limited to the workday and be open at night. Further details will follow as the time approaches.

### **Detours**

Road closed to thru traffic signs will remain in place through the entire project area from Brookside Terrace to Mackey Avenue. 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, Curve Avenue, Browndale Avenue and Mackey Avenue should avoid crossing W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street and should use alternate routes.

### **Safety**

If you must travel through the site, please watch your speed as there is a great deal of large equipment moving around and construction workers doing their job to ensure a quality product, it is important that they feel safe. And as always, please remind your children to stay away from construction sites. Job site safety is our number one concern.

### **Who to Contact in an Emergency**

During a life- or property-threatening emergency, call 911.

### **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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