

September 2, 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)**

##### **Roadway Paving**

W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street is planned to be paved between France Avenue and Grimes Avenue on September 2. On September 6, the contractor will complete final grading operations of the roadway between Grimes Avenue and Wooddale Avenue in preparation to pave on September 7. Parking will not be allowed on the street during grading and paving operations and you may have delays or restricted access to you driveway during these operations.

##### **Sidewalk**

The remaining sidewalk will be placed on September 8 and 9.

##### **Irrigation Repairs**

You will receive a letter explaining the process to have your irrigation system repaired, which will take place in the upcoming weeks. The contact person who is coordinating this work is Joe Barutsck with Premier Irrigation. He can be contacted at 952-292-5370. More information will be included in the letter.

If your irrigation system was damaged due to Center Point Energy's work, please contact me.

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

The contractor plans to complete utility work on September 8. Grading of the roadway and removal of the sidewalk is scheduled to start on September 9.

Access will be limited during the day for the utility and grading work occurring in front of your property, including the access to Glen Place and Dart Avenue. There may be times during the day when you may not have access; however, the roadway will be accessible by the end of each day. The contractor will place a bright green doorknob hanger to notify you in

advance of access restrictions. Keep in mind, that construction operations may change throughout the day and may not proceed as planned, however the contractor will attempt to keep you informed as soon as possible. Residents that live on Dart Avenue and Glen Place may need to enter from the east or west on W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street depending on where the utility work is taking place each day.

There may be temporary water shutoffs at times during the day to complete watermain work. You will be notified via a door knock hanger when your water may be shutoff.

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

If your irrigation system was damaged due to Center Point Energy's work, please contact me.

### **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 remove them as soon as possible. It is very important to do this now, as the current utility work and sidewalk removal work may require your plantings to be removed. 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.

### **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.

### **Overall Updates**

#### **Detours**

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. Please do not use Mackey Avenue as your cut-thru route. 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.

#### **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.

### **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](mailto:sbisson@wsbeng.com), or our on-site project inspector, George Bender, 612-360-1321.

Sincerely,

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