

# Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

2013 – Phase 13 Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

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Newsletter No. 5

## Area D Well Underway, Area E Up Next.....

Newsletter 1 predicted street reconstruction to begin in Area E on September 23. Due to the Contractor's work in Area D progressing quicker than expected, the contractor will start reconstruction in Area E on September 9. **We apologize for any inconvenience the revised start date may cause residents in Area E.**

During the past four weeks, the street contractor, Palda and Sons, Inc. completed the following work:

**Area B** – The contractor completed the installation of the first layer of blacktop streets and driveways, topsoil and sod.

**Area C-1** – The contractor completed the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, the installation of concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop, and concrete and blacktop driveways. The installation of topsoil and sod began.

**Area C-2** – The contractor completed the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, the installation of concrete curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop, and concrete driveways.

**Area D** – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into

gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement and removed existing concrete curb and gutter. Private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, and drain tile and storm sewer pipe installation were also completed. The correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and preparation of streets to receive their recycled gravel base began.

### Care of New Sod

When new sod is installed in front of your home, **begin watering your new sod immediately!** Your efforts, when combined with the contractor watering the boulevard sod for the **first 30 days only**, will help the sod grow so your lawn looks its best.

Please read your sod care flyer very carefully. If you are using a lawn service, please share with them the maintenance recommendations shown on the flyer.

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### Important Reminders

**Emergencies:** If you have an **emergency situation** regarding the street reconstruction project after working hours, please call Palda and Son's respondent at 651.403.9809. If necessary, you may call 911.

**Construction Safety:** Please remind your children to stay **as far as possible** from all construction activities and equipment. **Construction safety is our utmost concern and your cooperation is imperative.** Construction activities are extremely dangerous and we do not want any mishaps.

**Survey Stakes and Utility Flags:** Surveyor stakes and colored utility flags will continue to be placed along streets throughout the project. They are hard to miss because they have a colored ribbon or flags tied to them. These stakes and flags guide the contractors operations. **Please do not tamper with these stakes in any way. These must remain in place until the sod is placed in front of your home.**

**Yard Parties:** Please let us know now of any large events you have planned at your home during the summer and fall. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

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### Private Utilities

**Xcel Energy** - Their crews continue relocating light and utility poles at various intersections throughout the project area out of the way of the proposed curb and gutter.

### Tentative 4 Week Schedule

The following schedule is a result of the contractor's best guess of progress. Many factors, including

weather conditions and coordination of private utility reconstruction, may change the schedule. We will keep you posted of any significant changes.

**Area C-1** – The contractor will complete the installation of topsoil and sod.

**Area C-2** - The contractor will complete the installation of blacktop driveways. The spreading of black dirt in the boulevards and the installation of sod will begin.

**Area D** – The contractor will continue the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and prepare streets to receive their recycled gravel base. Curb and gutter installation will begin on approximately **August 28**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of September 9. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **September 16**.

**Area E** – The contractor's reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base around **September 9**. After the reclaim machine finishes its work, the contractor will immediately begin private sanitary sewer service repairs, reconstruction of storm sewer manholes and catch basins, relocation of hydrants, storm sewer and drain tile pipe installation and the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils.

## **Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement – Crystal Residents Only**

**Areas A, B, C-1, C-2 and D** – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

**Area E** – Residents have until **September 6** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke, Crystal City Engineering Department at 763.531.1163 or [dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov](mailto:dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov).

Residents have until **September 6** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the street contractor. Please return these forms to Mick Cyert.

## **Concrete Installation**

Whenever concrete curb and gutter or driveway surfaces are poured, please do not drive across the concrete for 6 days. The concrete needs this time to gain sufficient strength. The contractor will provide you advance notice so your vehicles are not trapped in your driveway.

During the time you cannot access your driveway, the Crystal police department will allow you to park in the street overnight in front of your home. Once the concrete curb gains sufficient strength, a temporary gravel ramp will be built across the curb so you can access your driveway. **Following construction**

**of the temporary gravel ramps, the Crystal police department will not allow you to park in the street overnight in front of your home.**

If you have any concerns about your vehicles being trapped in or out of your driveway, please **now** contact Dave Fritzke.

## **Field Office**

The field office is located at the south west corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Douglas Drive. Travis Evenson of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) will be available there throughout the project.

You can put project related written correspondence in the mailbox at the field office or in the utility payment mailbox located outside City Hall.

## **Communications**

You will receive newsletters throughout the course of the project through the mail to keep you up-to-date. Additionally, periodic construction updates can be viewed on Crystal's website at [http://www.crystalmn.gov/city\\_departments/phase\\_13\\_street\\_reconstruction\\_project.html](http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/phase_13_street_reconstruction_project.html)

Anytime you have questions or comments, please contact:

Travis Evenson of SEH at 952.912.2610 or [tevenson@sehinc.com](mailto:tevenson@sehinc.com).

Or

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at 763.531.1161 or [mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov](mailto:mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov).