

Becker Park Neighborhood

Street Reconstruction

2013 – Phase 13 Becker Park Neighborhood Street Reconstruction

July 25, 2013

Newsletter No. 4

Street Reconstruction to Begin in Area D.....

Newsletter 1 predicted street reconstruction to begin in Area D on August 19. Due to the Contractor's work in Areas C-1 and C-2 progressing quicker than expected, the contractor will start reconstruction in Area D on August 6. **We apologize for any inconvenience the revised start date may cause residents in Area D.**

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

Area A – The contractor completed installation of the street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop, blacktop driveways, topsoil and turf restoration.

Area B – The contractor completed storm sewer and drain tile pipe installation, the correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, the installation of concrete curb and gutter, concrete driveways, and street gravel base.

Areas C-1 and C-2 – 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 storm sewer pipe installation were also completed. The correction of unsuitable road foundation soils, installation of drain tile pipe, and preparation of

streets to receive their recycled gravel base began.

Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy – The installation of new gas service lines to homes in the project area are complete.

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 B – The contractor will begin paving the streets with their first layer of blacktop on **July 26**. After the streets are paved, the contractor will complete the installation of blacktop driveways, topsoil and sod.

Area C-1 – 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 **July 26**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel

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 spring, summer, and fall. These events include, but might not be limited to, large yard parties for graduations or wedding receptions.

base will continue through the week of **August 5**. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop toward the end of the week of **August 5**.

Area C-2 – 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 during the week of **August 5**. Concrete driveway installations will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of **August 12**. The contractor will pave the streets that receive curb and gutter with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **August 19**.

Area D – The contractor's reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base around **August 6**. 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 and C-2 – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs has lapsed.

Area D – The deadline to enter into a contract with the City for these repairs lapses on **August 1**. Please return these forms to Dave Fritzke, Crystal City Engineering Department at 763.531.1163 or dave.fritzke@crystalmn.gov.

Area E – *If you are interested in driveway or sewer repair and have not yet told us*; please contact Dave Fritzke by **August 9**.

Dave will contact the residents who are interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. 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.

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. 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 52nd 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

Anytime you have questions or comments, please contact:

Travis Evenson of SEH at 952.912.2610 or tevenson@sehinc.com.

Or

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at 763.531.1161 or mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov.