



Street Reconstruction Newsletter

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Area Updates and Schedule

Please keep in mind that the construction schedule may change due to a variety of factors including weather conditions and coordination of private utility reconstruction. The contractor will make an effort to notify properties with utility or driveway access restrictions.

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

gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement. Existing concrete curb and gutter was removed. Private sanitary sewer service repairs, fire hydrant relocations and storm sewer installation were also completed. The contractor also began preparing streets to receive their recycled gravel base.

Following initial gravel base installation, curb and gutter installation will begin the week of **May 30**. Concrete driveway installation will begin soon after

curb and gutter installation. Please see the section on “Concrete Installation” for more information.

Area B – The reclaim machine recycled the existing blacktop surface and gravel beneath it into gravel that will be used under the new blacktop pavement. Existing concrete curb and gutter was removed. Private sanitary sewer service repairs began. Following sewer service repairs, the contractor will begin preparing streets to receive their recycled gravel base.

Area B (53rd Ave.) – Replacement of Metropolitan Council’s sanitary sewer force main on 53rd Ave. between Quail and Perry Aves. is scheduled the week of **June 6**. Supplemental work associated with the force main replacement will occur prior to June 6. Residents whose driveway access is restricted by more than a couple hours by the force main work can expect a unique door hanger notification before the work occurs.

Area C (53rd and Quail Aves.) – Partial replacement of the city’s sanitary sewer main is necessary on 53rd Ave. west of Quail Ave.

Supplemental work associated with the sewer main replacement will begin the week of June 6. Residents

Important Reminders

After Hour Emergencies: Please call 911 to report any situations (flooded street, interrupted water service, sanitary sewer backup, washed out road, etc.) that require immediate attention from the City.

Construction Safety: For the safety of everyone, all adults and children should 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.

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.**

Special Events or Mobility Needs? Please contact us (see Comments or Questions section) as soon as possible to let us know if you have any special events planned or mobility needs during this year’s street reconstruction project.

whose driveway access is restricted by more than a couple hours by the force main work can expect a unique door hanger notification before the work occurs.

Residents can also expect a short term intersection closure at the north leg of 53rd and Quail Aves. The contractor will post detour signs.

Area C – The contractor’s reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base during the week of **June 13**. After the reclaim machine finishes its work, the contractor will begin private sanitary sewer service repairs.

Private Driveway & Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement

Areas A & B – The deadline to enter into a contract with the city for driveway and sanitary sewer repairs has passed.

Area C – The city has contacted the residents interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **June 10** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to repair their sanitary sewer service using the city’s contractor. If you have questions on the private sanitary sewer program, please contact Mick Cyert, Crystal City Engineering Department, at 763-531-1161 or phase15@crystalmn.gov.

The Contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **June 24** to return their signed temporary construction release and right of entry form to replace their driveway using the city’s

contractor. If you have any questions on the private driveway program, please contact Mick Cyert.

Areas D & E – *If you are interested in driveway or sewer repair and **did not** specify that on a previous survey, please now contact Mick Cyert.*

Residents who ***did** specify interest in driveway or sewer repair on a previous survey* will be contacted mid-summer. Please watch future newsletters for particular deadlines.

Mailboxes

For those who have a mailbox on a post along the edge of the street, due to construction activity the contractor will relocate your mailbox away from the street during the week of **June 6**. Your current mailbox and post will be temporarily placed near your home.

Your mail should be picked up daily at the temporary mailbox located at the corner of Bass Lake Rd. at 5565 Vera Cruz Ave. You will be notified by door hanger with additional information.

Upon completion of construction activities, your current mailbox and post will be reinstalled for you according to US Postal Service guidelines. You will be notified when mail delivery will transition from the temporary mailbox location to your personal mailbox location.

Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy – The crews completed the installation of new gas mains in all of the streets in the project area and continued installing gas services lines to the homes. The anticipated completion date is June 1.

Xcel Energy - Xcel crews began relocating light and utility poles at various intersections throughout the

project area. The poles are being moved back further from the future curb and gutter.

Concrete Installation

Wherever concrete curb and gutter or driveway surfaces are poured, please do not drive across the concrete for six days. The concrete needs this time to gain sufficient strength. The contractor will provide advance notice of the work so you can plan to have all vehicles out of your garage or driveway before the concrete is poured. 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, you will need to resume parking in your garage or driveway in accordance with the no on-street parking restrictions from 2 to 5 a.m. daily.

Boulevard Landscaping, Irrigation, and Pet Containment Systems

If you have placed private landscaping features in the city boulevard (up to 15’ beyond the edge of the street) that you value, please **now** relocate them out of the boulevard. If you choose not to relocate your particular item(s) before street reconstruction begins in front of your home, the contractor may remove and dispose of the item(s), and will not replace them. These landscaping items include, but are not limited to, mulch, plastic and brick garden edging, decorative stones, statues, plants or bushes, irrigation or pet containment systems. If you have any questions about whether street reconstruction activities will disturb your particular landscaping feature, please contact AJ Soland or Mick Cyert (see the “Communications” section).

Please watch for updates in the Street Reconstruction Newsletter outlining when you may reinstall these items in their original location.

Special Assessment Update

The deadline to prepay your entire assessment, or a portion of it, without interest, has lapsed.

You can still prepay your entire assessment, or a portion of it, until Nov. 29, 2016 at a 4.5% interest rate charged from the levy date, April 19, 2016. If you take no action by Nov. 29, 2016, your assessment will be added to your property tax statement.

If you have questions or concerns about your assessment, please contact Gail at Crystal City Hall at 763-531-1118 or Gail.Petschl@crystalmn.gov.

Communications

Comments or Questions? Please contact us (please include your address)

AJ Soland of SEH
at 952-912-2610

Or

Mick Cyert of the City of Crystal at
763-531-1161 or
phase15@crystalmn.gov.

Construction Updates

Construction update newsletters will be mailed to properties in the street reconstruction area throughout the course of the project. Additionally, periodic construction updates can be viewed on Crystal's website at

www.crystalmn.gov/city_department/s/phase_15_street_reconstruction_project.php

Written correspondence

You can put project-related written correspondence in the utility payment mailbox located outside city hall.