



Street Reconstruction Newsletter

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Care of New Sod

When new sod is installed in front of your home, **please make sure to carefully follow the sod care flyer instructions.** Your efforts, along with the contractor watering the boulevard sod for the **first 30 days only**, will help the sod become established and healthy. If you are using a lawn service, please share with them the maintenance recommendations shown on the flyer.

Sod installation is complete in **Area A** and the 30-day contractor watering period has expired.

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 contractor completed the installation of topsoil and sod.

Area B – The contractor has completed the replacement of Metropolitan Council’s sanitary sewer force main on 53rd Ave. between Quail and Perry Aves.

Area B, Area D and Quail Ave. south of 53rd Ave. in

Area C – Curb and gutter installation will begin between **Aug. 25 and 31**. Specific details will be communicated to you by the contractor via door hangers. Concrete driveway installation will begin soon after curb and gutter installation. Please see the section on “Concrete Installation” for more information.

Installing the gravel base will continue through the week of **Sept. 12**. The contractor will likely pave the streets with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **Sept. 19**.

Area C – The contractor completed the installation of curb and gutter, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop and blacktop driveway paving. The installation of topsoil and sod began.

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. The contractor has completed the curb removals, private sanitary sewer repairs and utility

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.

work (fire hydrant relocation and storm sewer installation). The correction of unsuitable road foundation soils and preparation of streets to receive their recycled gravel base will soon begin.

Area E – The contractor’s reclaim machine will begin recycling the existing blacktop and gravel base during the week of **Aug. 29**. After the reclaim machine finishes its work, the contractor will begin private sanitary sewer service repairs.

Private Driveway and Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement

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

Area E – The city has contacted the residents interested in the sanitary sewer repair program to discuss details. Residents have until **Aug. 26** 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 phase15@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1161.

The contractor will contact residents interested in the driveway replacement program to set up appointments to discuss details. Residents have until **Sept. 9** 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.

Private Utilities

Xcel Energy – Xcel crews continue 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.

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.