



# 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 C** 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 B** – The contractor completed the installation of curb and gutter, concrete driveways, street gravel base, the first layer of

blacktop, blacktop driveway paving, topsoil and sod.

**Area C** – The contractor completed the installation of topsoil and sod.

**Area D (except Welcome Ave. north of Wilshire Blvd.)** – The contractor completed the installation of curb and gutter, concrete driveways, street gravel base, the first layer of blacktop and blacktop driveway paving. The installation of topsoil and sod has begun.

**Area E** – 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 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 has also begun.

**Area E and Welcome Ave. north of Wilshire Blvd. in**

**Area D** – Curb and gutter installation will begin during the week of **Oct. 10**. Specific details will be communicated to you by the contractor via door hangers. Concrete driveway installation will begin soon

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### 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.

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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 **Oct. 24**. The contractor will likely pave the streets with their first layer of blacktop during the week of **Oct. 31**.

## **Private Driveway and Sanitary Sewer Service Replacement**

### **Areas A, B, C, D and E –**

The deadline to enter into a contract with the city for driveway and sanitary sewer repairs has passed.

## **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.

## **Mailboxes**

For those who had a mailbox on a post along the edge of the street, your mailbox and post will be reinstalled for you during the week

of Oct. 3 according to US Postal Service guidelines.

You will be notified by door hanger with additional information regarding when to set your mailbox near the curb, and when mail delivery will transition from the temporary mailbox location to your personal mailbox location.

## **Boulevard Trees**

Installation of boulevard trees to replace those that were removed to make way for reconstruction activities will occur in the spring of 2017.

If a tree was removed in the boulevard in front of your home, you will receive additional correspondence from the city this winter.

## **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](http://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.