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CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

Hopkins 2016 Street & Utility Improvements: City Project No. 2015-10

The City of Hopkins has secured Northwest Asphalt, Inc. as the general contractor for the 2016 Street and Utility Improvements Project and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-April, as soon as weather cooperates. Signage will be placed at roadway entrances to the area about a week in advance with firm start dates included. A map of the construction area is included on the last page of this newsletter. This newsletter is intended to continue early coordination of items to be addressed during construction, including



- **Project Schedule & Start Dates**
- **Boulevard Tree Removals**
- **Centerpoint Energy Work – Gas Main Replacement**
- **Phase 1A: 18th Ave N, Mainstreet to 2nd St N**
- **Parking, Access, & Communication**
- **Project Website & Contact Information**

OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE

A two phased construction schedule is proposed as shown in the map at the end of this newsletter. The contractor, Northwest Asphalt, has now provided the City a schedule to share with neighborhood residents. Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C have now been added to the schedule map to provide a more detailed timing of when/where construction will be occurring. The following is an overview of the project schedule and may be updated as construction nears:

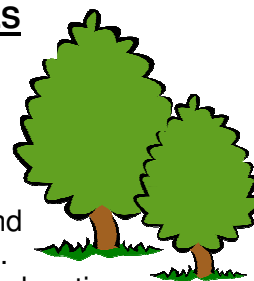
Week of April 4th – Tree removal, CenterPoint Energy / Michels starting gas line work (see information in sections below)

Week of April 11th –Temporary water installation will also begin for Phase 1A (Weather Dependent)

Week of April 18th– Begin Phase 1A Construction, 18th Ave N – Mainstreet to 2nd St N

BOULEVARD TREE REMOVALS

Trees located within the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the City to maintain and clear when necessary. In April, some boulevard trees will be removed and later in the project, will be replaced. The project team has reviewed the location of trees and landscaping and identified impacts. Also, neighborhood boulevard trees have been reviewed for their condition and disease susceptibility by the City Forester. Trees in poor condition are proposed to be removed as part of the project. Property owners located adjacent to right-of-way with known or potential impacts to boulevard trees or private landscaping received a letter in February regarding these impacts. Proposed tree removals will be marked during the week of March 28th with a pink ribbon. During the week of April 4th, Northwest Asphalt will be mobilizing crews for removal of trees. It is the intent of the project’s design and contractor



to try to attempt to save all other, healthy trees in the neighborhood.

CENTERPOINT ENERGY WORK

To take advantage of the roadways being excavated later this summer, CenterPoint Energy plans to complete gas main replacement over much of the project area. CenterPoint’s contractor, Michel’s Pipeline, plans to generally follow the same order of construction as the City’s contractor, though they will complete their construction earlier during the months of April and May. CenterPoint crews plan to begin work during around April 4th along 18th Ave N. While CenterPoint is replacing its mains, the roadway will remain open to traffic and the majority of pavement will remain. CenterPoint’s contact during construction for resident questions or concerns is Garret Buettenhoff. Garret will generally be on-site and can be reached at 612-718-2928. Ryan Urich, CenterPoint’s engineer, can also be reached at 612-321-5054.

PHASE 1A: 18TH AVE, MAINSTREET TO 2ND ST N

The City’s contractor proposes to start installing the temporary water system during the week of April 11th, provided CenterPoint has been able to begin and weather is cooperative. The temporary water system will be comprised of a small pipe placed behind the curb on both sides of the road, from which individual service lines will extend to each home.

Street pavement removal is estimated to begin during the week of April 18th. Signage will be installed along 18th Ave N prior to the pavement removal to confirm specific dates. Once the pavement is removed, the contractor will replace the sanitary sewer main and then the water main. With the new mains in place, the Contractor will then complete sewer and water service replacement to each property. Service lines will be replaced from the new main to the property line, which varies from location to location but is typically located about 10-15 feet behind the curb. Utility construction typically lasts about 4 to 5 weeks after the pavement is removed.



PARKING, ACCESS, & COMMUNICATION

While the contractor works in the street, access to driveways will be provided as much as possible but some temporary access restrictions should be

anticipated. Streets will be temporarily restored at the end of each work day and access to private driveways will typically be available each night.

In general, access conditions are most challenging after rainfall. Heavy traffic over muddy streets makes conditions worse. Residents are encouraged to drive on paved roadways and alleys whenever that alternative exists. Alleys and alternative roadways are also encouraged as alternative routes when streets are closed for utility construction.

Typical working hours for the project are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays if necessary. Parking will be prohibited in construction areas during work hours.

To combat the challenges of construction, the City has a multi-faceted approach to communication. Monthly newsletters, weekly project website updates, and property notices will be delivered to front doors as often as needed. Additionally, the City has established a Twitter account for more immediate information (@hopkins_2016). The project website is:

www.bolton-menk.com/hopkins2016

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Nick Amatuccio, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., will be on the project site representing the City and its residents and business owners. If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, the project, or anything in general, you may approach him on site or call his cell phone at **(612) 965-3926**.



Mike Waltman, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., will be the City’s Project Manager this summer. He can be reached at **(952) 890-0509** or **(612) 221-6946** or mikewa@bolton-menk.com





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PROJECT LOCATION & PHASING MAP

CITY OF HOPKINS 2016 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS



LEGEND

-  PHASE 1A,
(APRIL – LATE JUNE)
-  PHASE 1B,
(MAY – JULY)
-  PHASE 1C,
(MAY/JUNE – JULY/AUGUST)
-  PHASE 2
(JULY/AUGUST* – OCTOBER)

- Schedule changes in early stages due to weather, contractor scheduling, and unforeseen conditions may impact later stages
- As construction occurs, schedule updates to be provided via newsletters, website, flyers, etc.
- Final paving to occur in October or early November for all phases