



CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

November 2017
No. 10

2017 Street & Utility Improvements

Construction of:

- E & W Park Valley Dr
- 5th Ave S
- 6th Ave S
- 7th Ave S (Mill & Overlay)
- 8th Ave S (Mill & Overlay)
- 9th Ave S
- 10th Ave S
- 6th St S
- 7th St S
- 8th St S (Mill & Overlay)
- 10th Ave Alley
- 6th Ave/8th St Alley
- Lift Station 7

Construction Duration:

Start: April 2017
Finish: November 2017

Overview

As you know, the City of Hopkins is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities. The project includes sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer improvements as well as new street construction.

Dates

Meyer Contracting began work in Mid-April. The contract completion date for most of the work is Mid-November and Meyer Contracting is expected to meet the completion date.

Contacts



Josh Hrabe, 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) 965-2473**.

Nick Amatuccio, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Engineer overseeing the construction process and will serve as a secondary point of contact. He can be reached at **(612)-965-3926** or nickam@bolton-menk.com

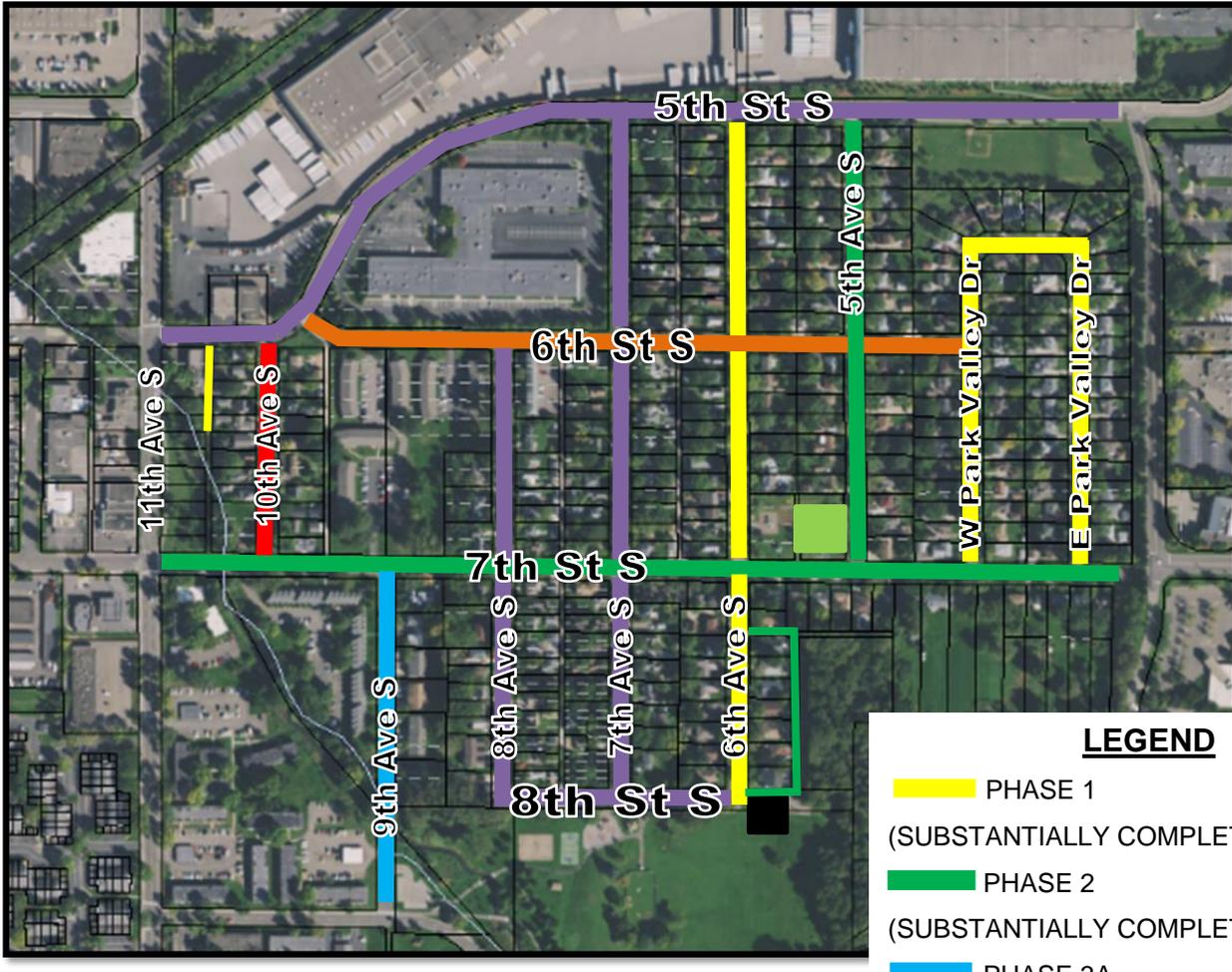
Mike Waltman, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Manager working on behalf of the City and its residents. He can be reached at **(952) 890-0509** or **(612) 221-6946** or mikewa@bolton-menk.com

Eric Klingbeil is the Assistant City Engineer for the City of Hopkins. He can be reached at **(952) 548-6357** or eklingbeil@hopkinsmn.com

Website: The website will be updated approximately weekly with the latest project info throughout construction. The site URL is www.bolton-menk.com/hopkins2017



Project Location & Phasing Map



LEGEND

- PHASE 1
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 2
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 3A
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 3B
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 3C
(LATE SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 10)
- PHASE 4
(NOVEMBER 6 – NOVEMBER 11)
- STAGING AREA
- LIFT STATION 7

- 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 the week of November 6th for all phases. See inserted Construction Notice.

Special Assessments

The final interest rate for the Special Assessments has been determined. Payments can be made with interest until November 29, 2017 before going on property taxes. The interest rate is 4.47789%. Questions regarding special assessments can be directed to the special assessment clerk, Mary Lein at 952-548-6310.

Project Schedule

A phased construction schedule is proposed by Meyer Contracting as shown in the map on the second page of this newsletter. The following is an overview of the current and upcoming phases of the project schedule.

Week of October 23 –

- 10th Ave S (Phase 3C) was paved with the first layer of asphalt.
- The trail along 9th Ave S (Phase 3A) was paved.
- Sod was placed on 6th Street S (Phase 3B).

Week of October 30 –

- Sod was finished on 6th Street S (Phase 3B).
- Sod was placed on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A).
- All streets were prepared for the final layer of asphalt to be paved the week of November 6th.

Early November –

- Sod will be placed on 10th Ave S (Phase 3C) and finished on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A).
- Trees will continue to be planted throughout the rest of the neighborhood.
- Permanent street signs will be installed throughout the neighborhood.
- The mill and overlay of 7th Ave S, 8th Ave S, 5th Street S and 8th Street S will begin Monday, November 6th.
- The final layer of asphalt will be paved throughout the neighborhood starting Monday, November 6th. Please refer to the Construction Notice included with this Newsletter for the paving schedule.

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Phase 3A (9th Ave)

Sod was placed on Phase 3A the week of October 30th and will be finished the week of November 6th. The trail along 9th Ave S was paved on Saturday, October 28th.

Phase 3B (6th St S)

Sod was placed on Phase 3B. The sod will be watered by the contractor during the 30 day warranty period. Please follow the sod care instructions that were delivered to your door.

Phase 3C (10th Ave S)

This phase was paved with the first layer of asphalt on Saturday, October 28th. Sod will be placed on Phase 3C the week of November 6th.

Phase 4 (7th Ave S/8th Ave S/5th St S/8th Street S)

The mill and overlay of these streets will start Monday, November 7th. This work will involve grinding up the top 1.5-inches of pavement and repaving it by the end of the week. 7th Ave, 8th Ave, and 8th St will be milled on Monday and 5th St will be milled on Tuesday, weather permitting.

All Phases

The final layer of asphalt will be paved throughout the entire neighborhood the week of November 6th. This will be a 5 day process and there will be no parking allowed on the street when paving occurs on that street. The Construction Notice included with this Newsletter shows a map with a more detailed schedule for when each street will be paved.

Access, Parking, & Communication

The construction process results in a great product at its completion, but can test one's patience along its course. While the negatives of construction are in many ways unavoidable, the City aims to reduce the burden through working with the City's contractor to minimize disruption, routine mailings and other communication, and on-site assistance for residents.

When the street and utilities are under construction, the contractor will need all of the space in the street possible. Therefore parking will not be allowed on the project area streets during the working hours. Access to driveways will be provided as much as possible.

Temporary access restrictions should be anticipated during the work day. The project team understands the need for access to each property, therefore the streets will be temporarily restored at the end of each work day and access to private driveways will generally be available each night.

During street & utility reconstruction, access conditions are usually most challenging after rainfall. Heavy traffic over muddy streets makes conditions worse. Residents are encouraged to drive on paved roadways whenever that alternative exists.

Typical working hours for the project will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays if necessary. No work is allowed on Sundays or holidays.

Finally, to combat the challenges of construction, the City has developed a multi-faceted approach to communication. In general, newsletters will be provided on a monthly basis, project website updates will be completed weekly, and property notices will be delivered to front doors as often as daily. Residents can also call Josh Hrabec with any questions regarding the project. His cell phone number can be found on the first page under Contacts.



The contractor will do everything they can to make the project area safe for residents. However, residents should be aware of their surroundings when walking or driving near construction equipment. The City asks that residents keep their distance from construction equipment and utility trenches. There are also materials that can cause harm if caution is not used such as hot asphalt pavement immediately after being placed. Please keep children and pets away from construction activity and open trenches as they might not be aware of the dangers. If you see anything that you feel is unsafe, please do not hesitate to call Josh Hrabec.