



CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

August 2017
No. 7

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

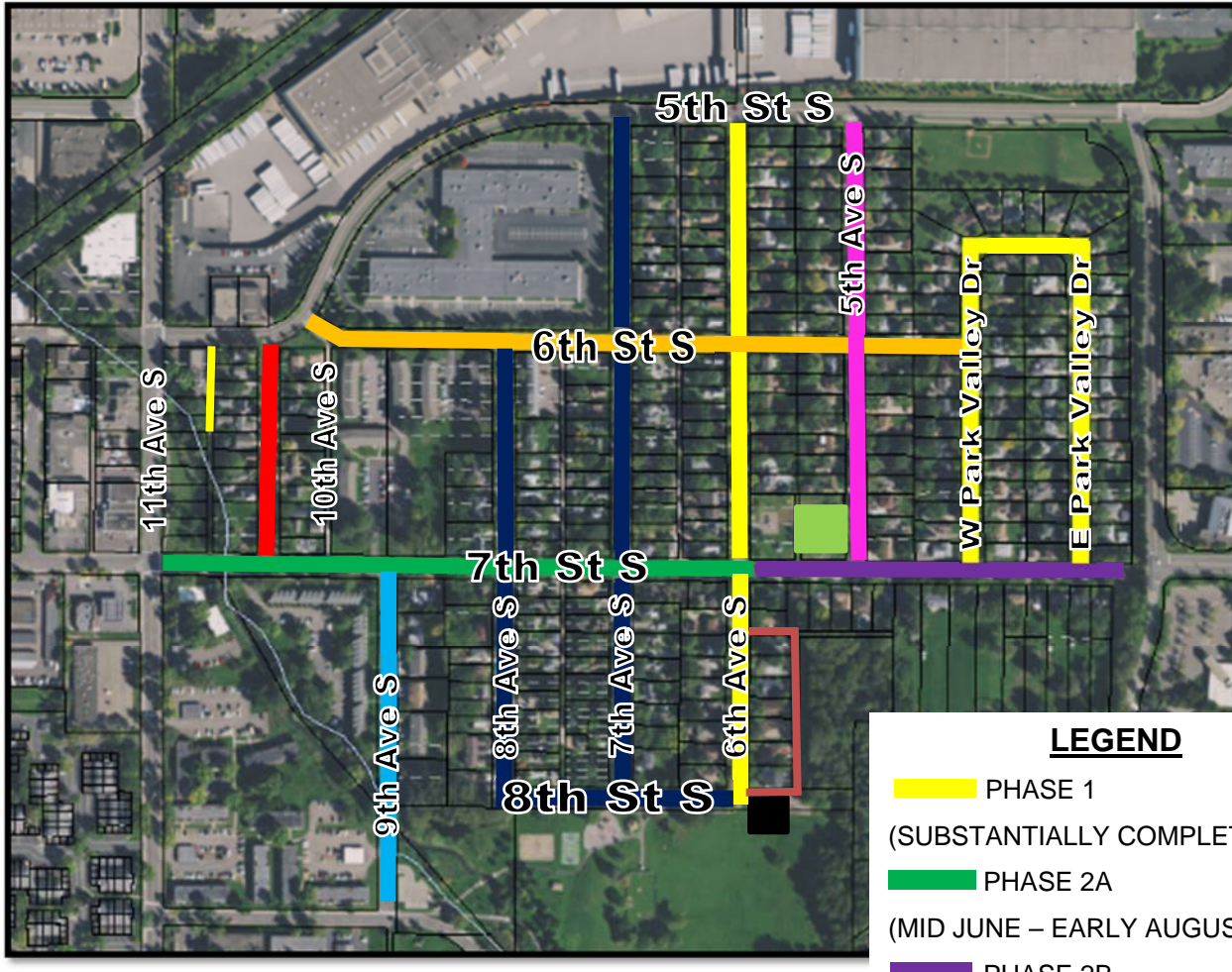
Mike Waltman, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Manager working on behalf of the City and its residents. He can be reached at **(952) 890-0509** or **(612) 221-6946** or mikewa@bolton-menk.com

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 2A
(MID JUNE – EARLY AUGUST)
- PHASE 2B
(MID JULY – LATE AUGUST)
- PHASE 2C
(LATE JULY – SEPTEMBER)
- PHASE 2D
(LATE JULY – MID AUGUST)
- PHASE 3A
(MID AUGUST – EARLY OCTOBER)
- PHASE 3B
(LATE AUGUST – OCTOBER)
- PHASE 3C
(SEPTEMBER – LATE OCTOBER)
- PHASE 4
(OCTOBER – NOVEMBER)
- 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 Late October/Early November for all phases



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 first page of this newsletter. The following is an overview of the current and upcoming phases of the project schedule.

Week of July 24 –

- Curb and gutter was installed in phase 2A on 7th Street S from 11th Ave S to 8th Ave S.
- Utility installation continued in phase 2B. This work consists of watermain, storm sewer, and sanitary installation. The sanitary sewer crew started at the intersection of 7th Street S and 6th Ave S and they are working east. The watermain crew started at the east end of 7th Street S and is working west.
- Asphalt was removed in the 6th Ave S alley. The alley was graded and prepped for concrete curb.
- Sod was placed on 6th Ave S between 7th Street S and 8th Street S.
- 5th Ave S was reclaimed from 7th St S to 5th St S.

Week of July 31 –

- The contractor installed curb in the 6th Ave S alley.
- Curb and gutter was installed on 7th St S between 8th Ave S and 6th Ave S on Monday.
- Utility installation will continue in phase 2B and this phase will begin to be graded and prepped for curb and gutter.
- Sanitary sewer and watermain installation has started in phase 2C (5th Ave S).

Week of August 7 –

- 7th St S will be paved from 11th Ave S to 6th Ave S.
- The alley behind 6th Ave S will be paved.
- Curb and gutter will begin as early as the end of the week for Phase 2B.
- Utilities will continue on Phase 2C into the following week.
- Temporary water will be installed on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A).

Later in August –

- Construction will start on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A).
- Construction will start on 6th St S (Phase 3B).
- Phase 2B will be paved with the first layer of asphalt.
- Sod will be placed on Phase 2A.
- Curb and gutter will be installed on Phase 2C.



Construction

Phase 1B (6th Ave S)

Sod was placed on 6th Ave S between 7th Street S and 8th Street S. The sod will be watered by the contractor during the 30 day warranty period. Please follow the sod care instruction that were delivered to your door.

Phase 2A/2B (7th Street South)

All utility work has been completed on 7th Street S between 11th Ave S and 6th Ave S and curb and gutter has been installed. Phase 2A will be paved with the first layer of asphalt as early as Saturday, August 5th. Sod will follow in the next couple of weeks. The installation of watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer is wrapping up in phase 2B. Curb and gutter work will be starting as early as Friday, August 11 with paving to follow the next week.

Phase 2C (5th Ave S)

5th Ave S from 7th St S to 5th St S has been reclaimed. Sanitary sewer and watermain has started. The sanitary sewer will be installed from 7th St going to the north and the watermain will be installed from 5th St going to the south. Utility work can be anticipated to last 3 to 4 weeks.

Phase 2D (6th Ave S Alley)

The concrete curb has been poured in the alley and this will be paved as early as Saturday, August 5th. Turf and driveway restoration will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Phase 3A & 3B (9th Ave & 6th Ave)

Phase 3A construction is anticipated to start in Mid-August while Phase 2B construction is anticipated to start at the end of August. Work will start with setting up temporary water and reclaiming the existing pavement. Installing the new utilities will follow shortly after.

Hydrant Replacements on 7th Ave/8th Ave

There will be several hydrant and gate valve replacements along 7th Ave and 8th Ave over the next few weeks. This work will only take 4 to 6 hours for each hydrant and will require a brief water shutdown for residents on that block. Residents will receive a notice in their door with more detailed information about the water shutdown at least one day prior to the work.

Lift Station 7 Improvements

The new lift station is up and running! Installation of all pumps, piping, valves, and electrical and control equipment has been completed. The new structures have been tied into the existing piping, and the new pumps are handling all flow. The old pumps were removed from service; portions of the old lift station were repurposed as a manhole, and other portions were permanently abandoned. Work to rehabilitate the existing building continues and will include mechanical and electrical work (new fans and lights), new doors, and fresh interior paint. The site will be graded and the asphalt driveway replaced and expanded to accommodate the City's access and maintenance needs. Final

restoration of the site will be coordinated with the ongoing road project. If you have any questions about the Lift Station 7

Improvements, please contact **Matthew Madson with AE2S at 763-463-5036 or Matthew.Madson@AE2S.com.**

**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 will be 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 Hrabe with any questions regarding the project. His cell phone number can be found on the first page under Contacts.

**Safety**

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 Hrabe.