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CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

2017 Street & Utility Improvements



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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The City Council adopted the final assessment roll at the March 7th meeting, and the contract was awarded to Meyer Contracting. Property owners have received a separate letter with their final assessment total.

Final interest rates are expected to be determined sometime in May and will be shared with homeowners via another Newsletter. Partial or full payments can now be made to the City with no interest through June 30, 2017. Questions regarding special assessments can be directed to the special assessment clerk, Mary Lien at 952-548-6310.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

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

- Week of April 3** – Remove Boulevard Trees
- Week of April 17** – Start pavement removals and utility work on Phase 1A-1. Street asphalt on Phase 1A-2 will also be reclaimed at this time and the alley behind 10th Ave S will be reconstructed (Phase 1C).

Mid-April – Gas main improvements by CenterPoint Energy (Michels) on 7th St S, 5th Ave S, and 10th Ave S (start date subject to change)

Early May – Start utility work on Phase 1A-2

Mid-May – Begin work on Lift Station 7

Late May – Begin Phase 1B Construction

June – Phase 1A Streets Paved (1st layer), Begin Phase 2 Construction

July – Phase 1B Streets Paved (1st layer)

CONSTRUCTION



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 about a week prior to tree removals with a pink ribbon. During the week of April

3rd, Meyer Contracting 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.

Phase 1A-1 and 1A-2 (Park Valley Dr E & W)

Street pavement removal is estimated to begin during the week of April 17th. Signage will be installed along East and West Park Valley Dr 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 on East Park Valley Dr. The gravel material from the existing pavement will remain in place on West Park Valley Dr so that it can be easily traveled until utilities start on that street. 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.

Please contact Josh Hrabec if you have an irrigation system or invisible dog fence in your front yard prior to the start of construction. This information will help minimize impacts to irrigation systems and dog fences during the construction process.

Phase 1C (Alley behind 10th Ave S)

Alley construction is estimated to begin during the week of April 17, pending the relocation of several power poles. Residents will receive a separate notice with a more specific start date as construction nears. There will be some minor storm sewer work, grading, and paving new concrete pavement before restoring any turf and driveways that are disturbed. This work will take about 3 weeks to complete.

CenterPoint Energy Work

To take advantage of the roadways being excavated this summer, CenterPoint Energy plans to continue their work from last summer and complete gas main replacement over much of the project area. CenterPoint's contractor, Michel's Pipeline, plans to install new gas mains using trenchless methods on 7th St S, 5th Ave S, and 10th Ave S. CenterPoint crews plan to begin work in Mid-April. While CenterPoint is replacing its mains, the roadway will remain open to traffic and the majority of pavement will remain.

Lift Station 7 Improvements

Construction at the City of Hopkins Lift Station No. 7, located at Valley Park near the intersection of 6th Avenue South and 8th Street South, is set to begin in early April. A new wastewater lift station will replace the existing wastewater lift station in the same general area. The new lift station will provide updated infrastructure and equipment, including three submersible pumps, to serve the capacity requirements of the area and meet the maintenance requirements of the City. Piping to and from the new lift station will be connected to the existing gravity sewer and force main systems. Project work has been scheduled concurrent with the road improvements project to minimize adverse impacts to the area. Minor project work will begin with utility relocations in April. Major project work, including excavation and backfill, and installation of infrastructure and equipment, is scheduled to commence in May with completion by July 31. Additional clean up and restoration work will be complete by August 31, 2017.



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. Once construction begins, residents will be provided the cell phone of the on-site contact who is there to represent the City and its residents through the construction process.

TEMPORARY WATER



Meyer Contracting will be setting up the temporary watermain East Park Valley Dr shortly before they start utility construction. The Contractor will be connecting the temporary watermain to residents' outside water spigot after tests pass for the temporary main. This process will happen for every street that will be having watermain replaced and residents will receive a separate notice with more details and dates of when their temporary watermain will be installed.

The temporary watermain will be in use until the new watermain is completely installed, which could be about 3 to 4 weeks. The Contractor will install a wye on your spigot so that you will still be able to use it while being hooked up to temporary water. Please contact Josh Hrabe if you don't have an outside water spigot.



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.



CONTACT AND WEBSITE INFO



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**

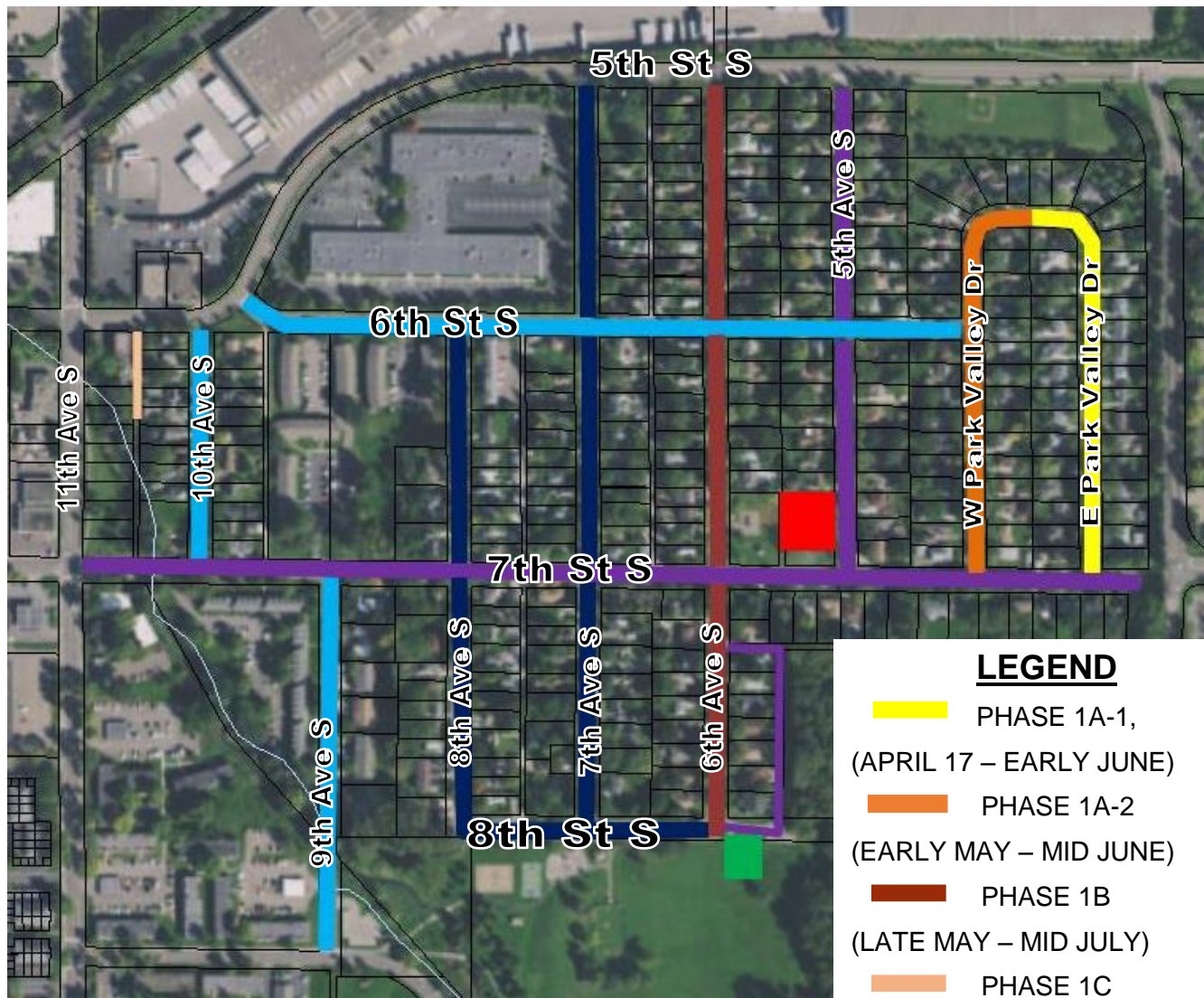
Nate Stanley is the City Engineer for the City of Hopkins. He can be reached at **(952) 548-6356** or **NStanley@hopkinsmn.com**

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



CITY OF HOPKINS 2017 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS



- 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

LEGEND	
	PHASE 1A-1, (APRIL 17 – EARLY JUNE)
	PHASE 1A-2 (EARLY MAY – MID JUNE)
	PHASE 1B (LATE MAY – MID JULY)
	PHASE 1C (APRIL 19 – EARLY MAY)
	PHASE 2, (MID JUNE – SEPTEMBER)
	PHASE 3, (AUGUST – OCTOBER)
	PHASE 4 (OCTOBER– NOVEMBER)
	STAGING AREA
	LIFT STATION 7