



CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

September 2017
No. 8

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**.

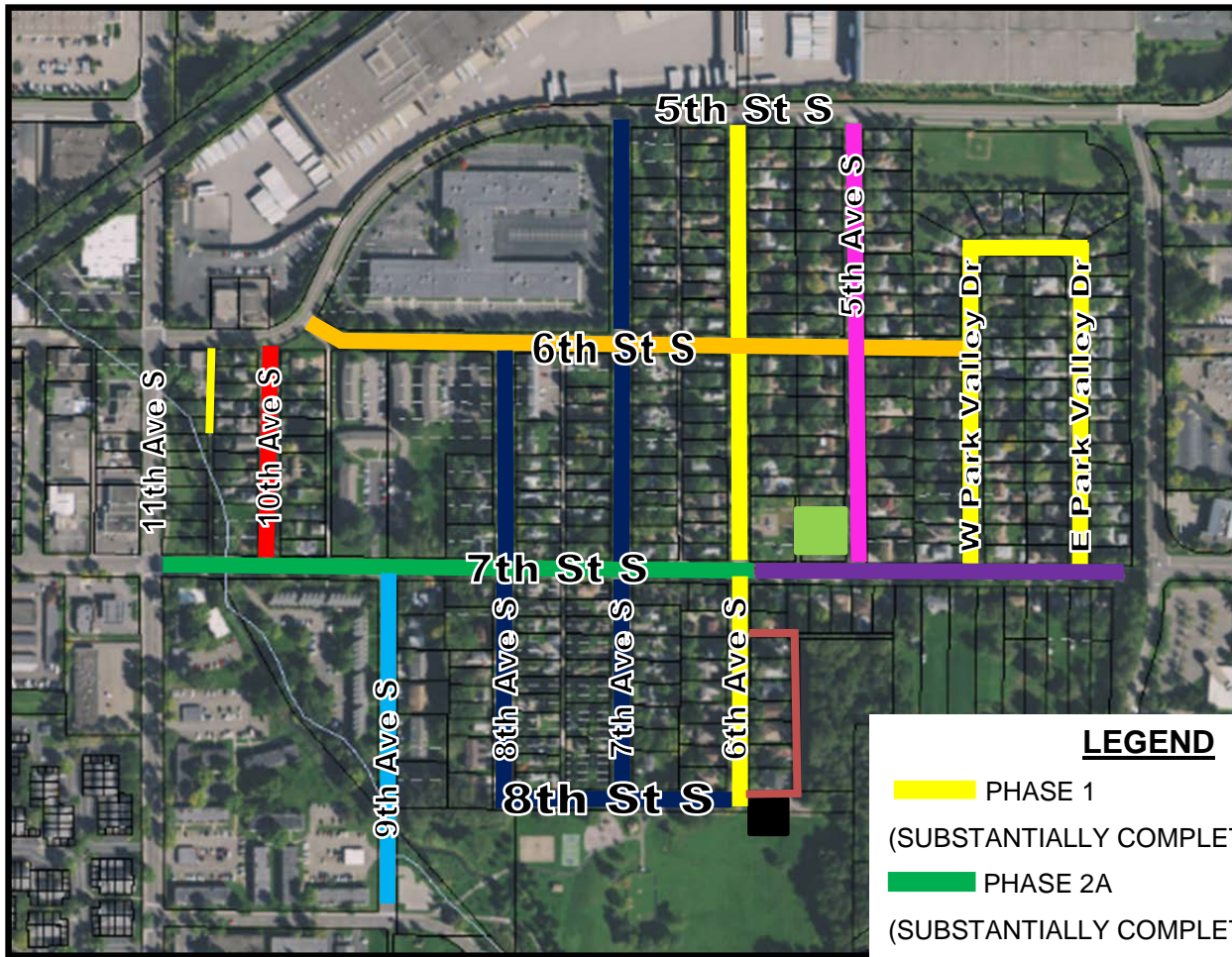
Nick Amatuccio, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Engineer overseeing the construction process and will serve as a secondary point of contact. He can be reached at **(612)-965-3926** or nickam@bolton-menk.com

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
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 2B
(MID JULY – EARLY SEPTEMBER)
- PHASE 2C
(LATE JULY – MID SEPTEMBER)
- PHASE 2D
(SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE)
- PHASE 3A
(LATE AUGUST – EARLY OCTOBER)
- PHASE 3B
(EARLY SEPTEMBER – MID OCTOBER)
- PHASE 3C
(MID SEPTEMBER – LATE OCTOBER)
- PHASE 4
(MID OCTOBER – EARLY 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 August 28 –

- Phase 2B was paved with the first layer of asphalt and topsoil was placed.
- Utility installation has wrapped up on 5th Ave (Phase 2C). Road grading will be completed to prepare for curb and gutter next week.
- Reclaim material was removed and watermain installation began on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A).

Week of September 4 –

- Curb and gutter is scheduled to be installed on all of 5th Ave S (Phase 2C) on Tuesday, September 5th.
- Services will be connected on 9th Ave S (Phase 3A) and storm sewer will be installed.
- 6th Street S (Phase 3B) is scheduled to be reclaimed on

Wednesday, September 6th. The reclaim material will be removed later that week and watermain installation will begin.

Later in September –

- Construction will start on 6th Street S (Phase 3B) shortly after Labor Day.
- The first layer of asphalt will be paved in Phase 2C.
- Curb and gutter will be installed on Phase 3A.
- Construction will start on Phase 3C as early as Monday, September 18th.

Construction

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

Sod was placed on phase 2A. 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 2B was paved with the first layer of asphalt and topsoil was placed. Sod will be placed the week of September 4. The intersection of 7th Street S and 6th Ave S will be paved at a later date due to additional utility work.

Phase 2C (5th Ave S)

Utility work has wrapped up in phase 2C. Curb and gutter is scheduled to be installed on all of Phase 2C on Tuesday, September 5th. Paving will begin about a week after curb and gutter installation.

Phase 3A (9th Ave)

Reclaim material was removed and watermain installation began in Phase 3A. Storm sewer installation

will within the next week. Curb and gutter installation in phase 3A will begin mid-September.

Phase 3B (6th St)

Phase 3B is scheduled to be reclaimed on Wednesday, September 6th. The reclaim material will be removed later that week and watermain installation will begin. Utility installation in Phase 3B can be anticipated to last 3 to 4 weeks.

Phase 3C (10th Ave)

Phase 3C will be reclaimed as early as Monday, September 18th. Residents will receive a separate notice as this work gets closer.

Lost and Found

A set of keys was found. If you are missing a set of keys please contact **Josh Hrabe** at **(612) 965-2473**.

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.