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CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER



Schedule



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

A map of the project area is included at the end of this newsletter. Work by SM Hentges on phases 3, 4, and 5 is underway. Phases 1 & 2 are substantially complete aside from some minor cleanup items. Sod will be placed on Oxford Street during the first week of September. Texas Avenue utility work has been completed and concrete curb will be installed during the first week of September with asphalt paving to follow shortly after. Cambridge Street utility work is scheduled to wrap up by early September, with concrete curb to follow. SM Hentges will start work on phases 6 and 7, Murphy Avenue and Lake Street NE, during the first week of September with existing pavement removals. Some minor work has already started on Lake St NE to prepare for utility construction.

An approximate long range schedule is currently set for the following:

Early - Mid-September

- Street Signs and Trees on Division and Oxford St
- Lawn restoration on Oxford St
- Concrete curb and driveways on Texas Ave
- Street paving on Texas Ave
- Utility construction will be finished on Cambridge St and concrete curb will begin

• Pavement Removals and utility construction on Murphy Ave and Lake St NE will begin

Late September / Early October

- Lawn Restoration on Texas Ave
- Concrete curb and driveways on Murphy Ave
- Street Paving on Cambridge St
- Lawn restoration Cambridge St
- Final paving on Phases 1, 3, 4, and 5

Late October/Early November

- Utility construction on Lake St will be completed; Street grading will begin
- Street paving on Murphy Ave and Lake St NE
- Lawn restoration on Murphy Ave and Lake St NE



Concrete Pouring

Concrete pouring will begin shortly after underground utility construction has been completed. Please stay off all of the wet concrete with pedestrian traffic for 24 hours and vehicle traffic for 7 days. Driving on the new concrete too early can cause it to crack, causing the full process to be restarted and delaying completion. Notice will be provided to residents before the concrete pours

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giving an opportunity for residents to remove vehicles from driveways to safe areas to park.

Road Paving

After the concrete curb has been poured, the roadway will be paved with its first lift of asphalt. PLEASE BE CAREFUL AROUND THE FRESHLY PAVED ASPHALT. The asphalt will typically be installed at temperatures between 275° F and 350° F. Therefore, please have children and pets stay away from the asphalt until it cools, which will be after it's rolled the same day. Touching the asphalt too fast can burn the skin or paws. A notice will be handed out on streets a few days before paving, directing residents where to park the day of paving. The final lift will be paved on all phases of the project in late October/ early November.



TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE

A temporary watermain has been installed by SM Hentges and is active on Texas Avenue. A similar system will be set up on Cambridge Street shortly. This process will happen for every street and serving each Hopkins resident. St. Louis Park residents will not be placed on a temporary water system, as their watermain is not being replaced. Residents affected by installation of a temporary water system or affected by a temporary water shutdown will receive a separate notice with specific details and dates as it applies to their property.

Where watermain is being replaced in Hopkins, the temporary watermain will be in use until the new watermain is completely installed, which is commonly about 3 to 4 weeks. The Contractor will typically connect to your outside water spigot with a special fitting that will still allow use of your hose while being served by the temporary water system. Please contact Josh Hrabe if you don't have an outside water spigot.



ACCESS, PARKING, & COMMUNICATION

The construction process results in a great product at its completion, but can test one's patience along its course. 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.

While the negatives of construction are in many ways unavoidable, the City aims to reduce the burden through working with the contractor to minimize disruption, providing routine mailings and other communication for residents, and providing an on-site liaison for residents. 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 contact **Josh Hrabe** at **(612) 965-2473**, who is the on-site contact there to represent the City and its residents through the construction process.

Weekly Construction Updates

To subscribe to more frequent updates (typically weekly), navigate to the project website at

Sign-up for electronic project updates

www.hopkins2018.net and click on the "Sign-up for electronic project Updates" button.

Subscribing to these updates will provide you with the most up to date project information and schedule. If you have already subscribed to these updates, please spread the word to your neighbors.

Parking

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.

Access Following Storms

2018 has had a very wet early summer. During the street & utility reconstruction, access conditions are most challenging after rainfall. Vehicle use over muddy streets makes conditions worse for each passing vehicle. Residents will be encouraged to drive on paved roadways whenever that alternative exists and minimize use of roadways when they are muddy.

Trash & Recycling Pickup

Please have your garbage and recycling cans out and accessible for pickup by 6 a.m. on pickup day so the

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truck can come through the neighborhood before construction starts at 7 a.m. If necessary, the contractor will pull cans out to an accessible area for the trucks to pick up if they can't get down your street. The contractor will then return your garbage and recycling cans to your driveway. You just have to put your cans in the same spot as you normally would on pick up day.



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 in use and utility trenches. There are also materials that can cause harm if caution is not used such as hot asphalt pavement. 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. He can also be reached via email at joshhr@bolton-menk.com

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 <u>mikewa@bolton-menk.com</u>

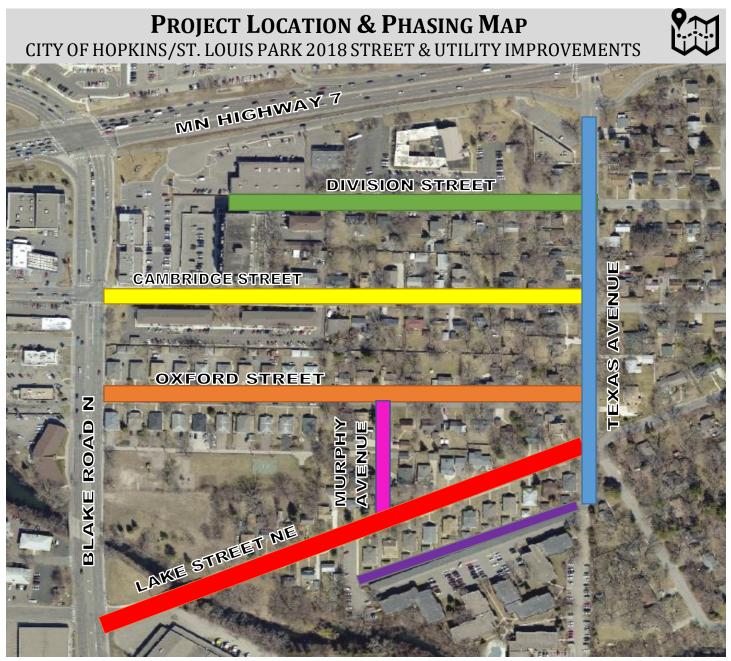
Eric Klingbeil is the Assistant City Engineer for the City of Hopkins. He can be reached at **(952) 548-6357** or **eklingbeil@hopkinsmn.com**

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Website: The website will be updated approximately weekly with the latest project info throughout construction, and residents can sign-up for weekly email updates through the website. The site URL is **www.hopkins2018.net**

If you would like this newsletter in alternative formats or languages please contact Eric Klingbeil at <u>eklingbeil@hopkinsmn.com</u> or **952-935-1834**.

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LEGEND

PHASE 1, (SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE) PHASE 2, (SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE) PHASE 3, (MID JUNE – EARLY SEPTEMBER) PHASE 4, (LATE JUNE – LATE SEPTEMBER)

- PHASE 5, (EARLY AUGUST – EARLY OCTOBER) PHASE 6, (EARLY SEPTEMBER – LATE OCTOBER) PHASE 7, (LATE AUGUST – MID NOVEMBER)
- Schedule changes in early stages due to weather, contractor scheduling, and unforeseen conditions may impact later stages
- Final paving to occur between Late September and Mid-November for all phases