

June 24, 2011

W. 70th Street (TH100 to France Avenue) Reconstruction Project

Dear Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents, while the second section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents.

Phase Updates

Phase 1

(Streets between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue)

Roadway Construction

The City's contractor has nearly finished the placement of the curb and gutter between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue, which includes the roundabout at Valley View Road. They will continue to place driveways Friday, June 24th and Monday, June 27th. The residents along this corridor have received notifications regarding this work, and have been instructed to park on the outside of their driveway until the aprons have time to cure. We are asking that residents wait a minimum of 3-4 days from the time the concrete was poured. Residents are encouraged to park on the side streets. The residents may also park in front of their homes on 70th Street after the concrete has been placed. Please use caution when driving through this area.

The contractor anticipates paving Phase 1 the week of July 4th. At that time, residents will not be allowed to park on 70th Street so the paving operation can begin. The contractor will pave the entire pavement section with the exception of the final 2" of pavement. This means there will be a 2" lip between the concrete gutter and the pavement. The final 2" will be placed after all three phases are complete. This will ensure the final wear course doesn't get scarred from construction vehicles.

The concrete sidewalks will be constructed after the bituminous pavement is placed, most likely the week of July 11th.

Gas Main

Centerpoint's contractor has nearly completed the placement of the 24" high pressure gas main. It is anticipated they will be off site by July 1st.

Overall Updates

Detour

We continue to encourage drivers to use TH-100, I-494, TH-62 (Crosstown) and France Avenue as much as possible during construction and avoid W. 70th Street and adjacent neighborhoods, if at all possible.

As stated in a previous correspondence, W. 70th Street will only be closed to thru traffic but you will still be able to access your home during construction. At some point, complete closure of certain segments will take place; however, these closures will only take place during the day and reopen to traffic at night. Attempts will be made to keep complete closures to a minimum and we will do our best to ensure affected residents are notified prior to each closure.

To view the posted detour, please click on the following link:
http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/PDFs/EngineeringProjects/ENG10-3_West70th/Project_Schedule_and_Detour.pdf

Bus Service

The Metro Transit bus stops and bus routes will be temporarily relocated to 66th Street for the duration of the construction project.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Andrew Plowman, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7149, aplowman@wsbeng.com, or on-site inspector, Blair Fowler, 612-245-7835.

Special Events

Please contact me if you have any special events planned for this spring and summer that may require special access needs to your home during construction activities.
Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew Plowman, PE
Project Manager
WSB & Associates, Inc.