

July 31, 2008

Morningside Neighborhood Residents
Edina, MN

Limited Street Access:

During the week of August 4, work will be taking place on Grimes Avenue, between 41st and 42nd Streets; Kipling Avenue, between 41st and 42nd Streets; and 42nd Street, between Grimes and Lynn Avenues. Rachel Contracting has signs in the neighborhood to alert drivers of construction activity locations. Please avoid driving down those streets as there will be numerous construction workers and equipment. On-street parking will not be allowed during the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. where construction is taking place.

Safety:

Please use your most cautious driving when entering and exiting the neighborhood as there will be many construction workers moving throughout the site, as well as moving construction equipment in the streets. As we progress through the construction, access pits will be dug in the streets. The pits will remain open for several days, and although they can be tempting to onlookers and children to investigate, we ask that everyone stay away from them for their own safety.

Temporary Water Hookups:

As you can see, Rachel Contracting has started setting up the temporary mains in the boulevards and will start tapping services and connecting hoses to your outside water spigot. In some cases, the temporary water hose or pipe will have to be laid across your driveway. Rachel Contracting will provide a gravel ramp to protect the pipe and keep your car from driving directly over it. On Friday August 1, Rachel Contracting will do the required test on the temporary water main to make sure it meets standards. After the access pits are dug in the streets, they will switch over to the temporary water main. In order to prevent the water from flowing back into the pipe that is being lined, Rachel Contracting will have to close your water shut off or the water service valve that runs from the main to your house. In the rare event that your water valve is not operational they may need to gain access to your home to shut off the valve by your water meter. Rachel Contracting will have a representative contact each individual homeowner before their house is hooked up and switched over to temporary water.

Watermain Lining:

The first phase of temporary water main hookups should be completed by August 1. Rachel Contracting will begin to dig the access pits in the streets on Monday August 4th. These pits will be located wherever there is a valve, hydrant, or tee in the water main. Typically, these pits will be 8'x10' in size and approximately 8' deep. The excavated material will be stockpiled next to the access pit during construction. After the excavation of each pit, double barricades will be placed around the circumference. Again, for your safety, we ask that you stay away from the open pits.

Insituform Technologies USA will then come in and clean and install the pipe liner; which should begin August 5 or 6. When finished, Rachel Contracting will reinstall the hydrants; valves and watermain fittings; reconnect water services, remove the temporary water services, and restore the excavation pits and roadway.

Whom to Contact with Questions or Concerns:

For general questions please contact the Project Manager, Bernie Bullert with TKDA at (651) 292-4621 or by email Bernie.Bullert@tkda.com. For onsite construction questions please contact Gary Garr, the construction observer with TKDA, at (612) 282-5089 or by email at Gary.Garr@tkda.com.

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 have a list of emergency contacts for Rachel Contracting.

Thank you,

Jesse Struve
Utility Engineer