



June 17, 2016

2017 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction Birchcrest A & Countryside B Neighborhoods

Dear Resident:

Some streets in your neighborhood are scheduled for roadway reconstruction and utility improvement for the summer of 2017. See the attached map identifying the project area.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Please plan to attend this meeting on **Monday, July 25**, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Public Works and Park Maintenance Facility, 7450 Metro Blvd, to learn about how projects are funded, a typical construction timeline, how you will be impacted and how you can prepare. A meeting reminder will be mailed to you approximately two weeks prior.

- **MULTI-MODAL ONLINE SURVEY**

The City would like your input regarding multi-modal traffic in your area – multi-modal describes a roadway system that is designed to safely accommodate all users. Now is the perfect time to identify and evaluate areas where we can make improvements to promote safe walking, bicycling and driving. Reconstruction gives us the opportunity to address concerns.

Your responses will help us design a project that reflects your neighborhood needs balanced with design elements from the City's strategic planning documents such as the Comprehensive Plan, the Sidewalk Facilities Map, Living Streets Plan, and the Active Routes to School Plan.

Your input is important to us! **Please take the survey within the next 30 days.** To complete the survey online, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/Birchcrest_Countryside. Completing the survey should only take about 15 minutes. Please complete one survey per household and include as much information as you can regarding safety concerns. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please call 952-826-0449 and Engineering Specialist Sharon Allison will mail one to you.

- **UTILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

The enclosed questionnaire focuses on utilities such as storm sewer, irrigation, etc. Please read the instructions, fill out the questionnaire and **return it to us in the enclosed envelope by July 8**. Your responses will help us design the project. Components of a project vary and are based on both the condition of the infrastructure and questionnaire responses.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0443 or cschulze@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Specialist Sharon Allison at 952-826-0449 or sallison@EdinaMN.gov.

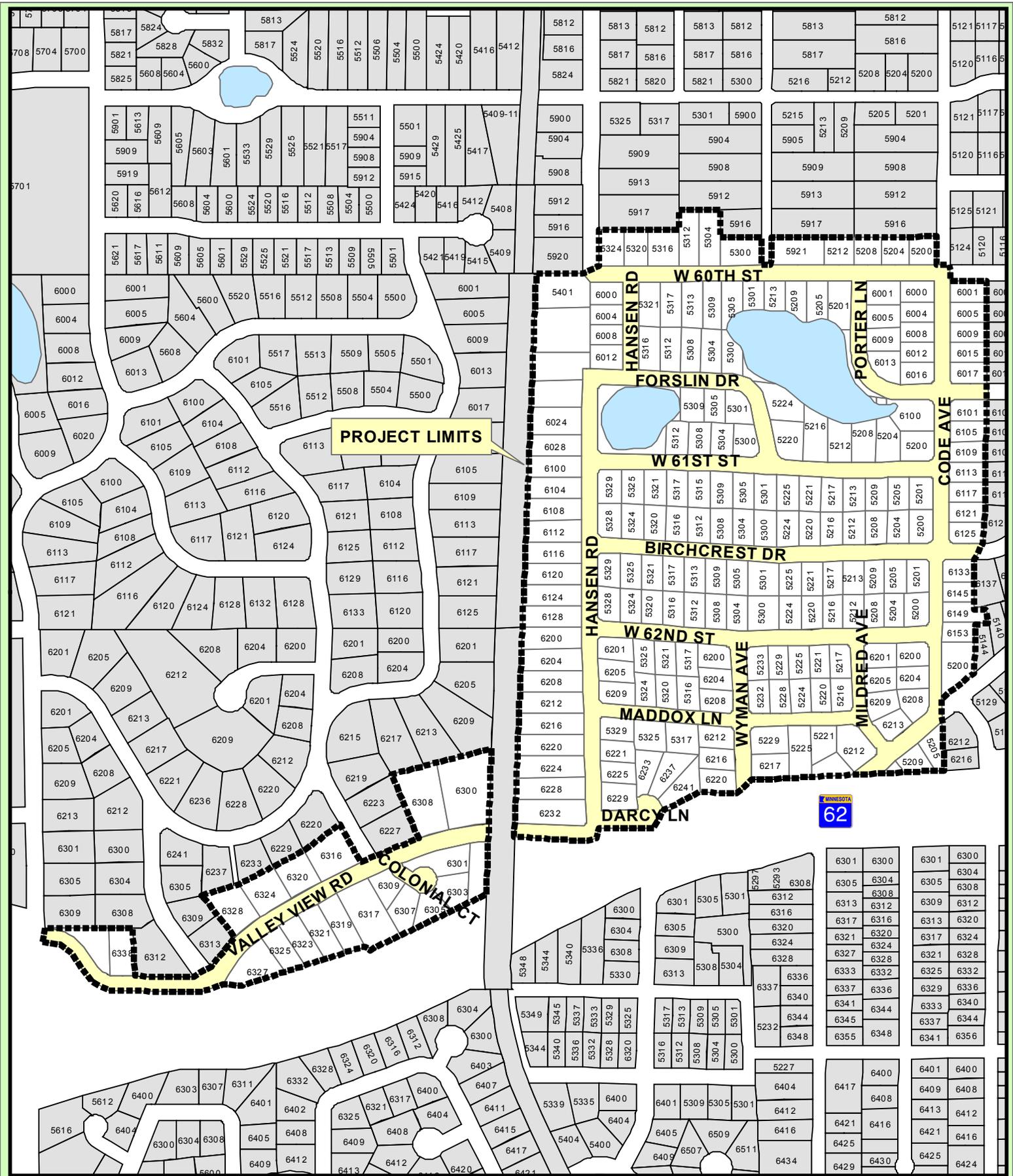
Sincerely,

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Assistant City Engineer

Enc: Project Map, Questionnaire Instructions, Questionnaire, Return Envelope

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2017 Project Area
Birchcrest A and Countryside B Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction
Improvement No: BA-425 & BA-426





Resident Questionnaire Instructions **2017 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction**

Thank you for your time. Your responses to the attached questionnaire will help us design your neighborhood's project. Here is background information that will aid you in filling out the questionnaire. Each numeral relates to the corresponding survey question.

I. Drainage Service Connection

A typical sump pump discharges onto a homeowner's lawn. There are several sump pump drainage issues to look for. First, if your lawn drains back to your house, sump pump discharges can cause problems with your lawn, your neighbor's lawn or your basement. If the sump pump discharge runs down the gutter line, it can promote algae growth in the street. Finally, discharging the sump pump into the sanitary sewer system using floor drains or laundry tubs is against the law, both by City Ordinance and State Statute.

To prevent the issues mentioned above, your street reconstruction project could include a City sump drain system along the roadway to collect groundwater, storm water runoff, and discharges from private sump pumps, roof drains or any other runoff from private property. If the topography and final street designs favor a sump drain system, you could connect to it. That is why survey questions I.C. and I.D. ask about your sump pump preferences. Keep in mind that installation of the pipe from your house to the City sump drain system would be your responsibility, including plumbing modification at your house connection. However, the City sump drain system is funded through the storm sewer utility fund.

II. Local Drainage Problems

As part of the storm sewer and sump drain design process, we would like to know if storm water run-off stands in the street or sidewalk in front of your house. If this or similar situations are occurring in your area, please describe it in this section of the questionnaire. We will review for possible corrective action.

III. Private Underground Utilities

It is very important that you fill out this section. Some residents install private underground utilities in the roadway right-of-way (the area from the edge of the roadway to your property line). The most common private utilities include lawn irrigation and pet containment systems. Utility and roadway reconstruction can damage these utilities. If they are damaged during the street reconstruction project, they will be repaired. However, if the contractor knows the location of these private utilities, crews can attempt to avoid damaging them during construction.

IV. Residential Streetlights

As part of all reconstruction projects, staff typically asks residents for their input on neighborhood streetlight systems. Staff is trying to understand if the neighborhood favors upgrading the streetlight system or if the existing streetlight system meets the needs of the neighborhood. Upgrades include the style or number of lights. Please keep in mind that costs associated with improving the streetlight system would be a special assessment. These costs would be determined after the extent of the improvements is understood.

V. Email Updates

One of the primary tools for communicating with you during construction is the City Extra email notification service. The City Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive email messages from the City regarding this project.

By signing up for City Extra email notification service, you will receive weekly project updates during construction. The updates will include information such as when access to your driveway might be limited, when your water may be shut off for water main replacement and when to have your contractor repair your irrigation system if it was damaged during construction.

You will be notified at a later date when to sign up for City Extra email updates.

Need Help?

If you have any questions about how to fill out the questionnaire, please contact Assistant City Engineer Carter Schulze at 952-826-0443 or cschulze@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Specialist Sharon Allison at 952-826-0449 or sallison@EdinaMN.gov.



Resident Questionnaire

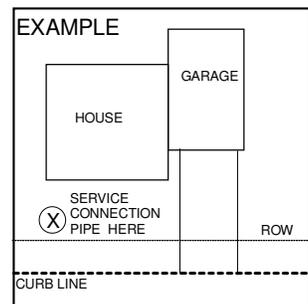
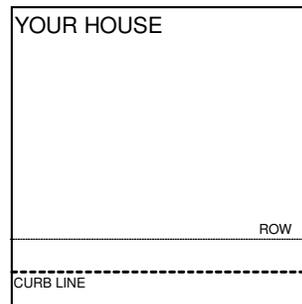
Birchcrest A & Countryside B Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Thank you in advance for your time. Your input is important to us. Please read the Questionnaire Instructions before completing this questionnaire.

I. Drainage Service Connection:

- A. Does your home have a drain tile/footing drain? Yes No Unknown
- B. Does your home have a sump pump? Yes No Unknown
- C. Would you be willing to connect your sump pump up to a City drain if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No
- D. Would you be willing to connect your roof drains up to a City drain if provided (at your own cost)? Yes No

Please sketch in the space to the right: your house, garage, driveway, sump pump discharge location and approximately where along the right-of-way (ROW) line you would like the service connection pipe located.



II. Local Drainage Problems

Please describe specific surface water drainage problems in your neighborhood:

III. Private Underground Utilities

- A. Do you have an underground lawn irrigation system in the City's right-of-way? (The right-of-way is typically 10' to 15' behind the roadway.)
 Yes No
- B. Do you have an underground electric pet containment system in the City's right-of-way?
 Yes No

IV. Residential Streetlights:

A. Residential streetlights are funded by special assessment. Is the existing streetlight system meeting the needs of the neighborhood?

- Yes No

B. Do you favor improving your streetlights?

- Yes No

C. Please describe your specific ideas for improving the streetlights.

V. Email Updates

A. Do you have access to email to participate in the City Extra email notification service?

- Yes No

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Please return it in the enclosed envelope **by July 8.**