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Bike and Pedestrian Way – Phase I

The contractor has completed the installation of all painted pavement markings on W. 54th Street as well as bike symbols south of Valley View and highway 62.

Crews have also completed work on the pedestrian bridge over highway 62. They installed a new “U” channel to assist bicyclists in getting their bikes over the bridge.

Next week crews will install a new bike detection signal system on the east and west side of France Avenue at W. 54th Street. This detection equipment will be placed in the existing roadway. It will wirelessly send a message to the signal indicating a biker is waiting to cross the intersection. The system will work very similar to the pedestrian push-buttons already in place on the signal mast arms that walkers use to safely cross France Avenue.

Remember, when you drive:

- It is OK to drive in the advisory bike lanes on Wooddale Avenue and W. 54th Street.
- It is OK to drive on the green shared lane on Valley View Lane.
- If a bicycle is in the green shared lane or advisory bike lanes, move to the left to pass.
- If there is oncoming traffic, hang back behind the bicyclist until it is safe to pass.
- When passing, state law requires motorists to leave at least three feet of distance between their vehicle and the bicyclist.

See our website for more information on green shared lanes and advisory bike lanes, http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=advisory_bike_lanes.

Soon crews will work to install signs along the entire length of the project. More updates to follow as we get closer to installation.

All roadways will be open to traffic during the work. Minor delays can be expected due to the nature of the work.

See our website for what to do in emergencies, non-emergencies, site safety or if you have special events or home improvement projects plan, http://www.edinamn.gov/index.php?section=construction_bike_pedestrian_way .

Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for City Extra emails as this will be our primary method of communication during construction.

Sincerely,

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