June 3, 2013

2014 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Birchcrest B Neighborhood

Dear Resident:

Some streets in your neighborhood are on a list of roadway reconstruction and utility improvement projects being considered by the City of Edina for the summer of 2014. See the attached map identifying your project area. On April 16, the City Council adopted neighborhood names and boundaries as part of the Name Your Neighborhood Project. Please note that your neighborhood name associated with the roadway reconstruction and utility improvements may have changed. Some neighborhood names stayed the same.

Please save the date of **Monday, July 29** to attend an informational meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. to learn information 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.

Meantime, we'd like to hear from you. The City would like your input regarding key components of the project via the attached questionnaire. Please read the instructions, fill out the questionnaire and return it to us in the enclosed envelope by June 14.

How the City will use your input:

- Your responses help us design the project. Components of a project vary and are based on both the condition of the infrastructure and questionnaire responses.
- Residents pay a portion of the overall project cost in the form of a special assessment. The estimated special assessment for your neighborhood will not be determined until information is gathered from the questionnaires and a feasibility report is completed in early September. You will not be billed for the special assessment until fall 2015. The special assessment is payable over 15 years.
- The special assessment is for the cost of the new roadway. Sidewalks and streetlights are funded through the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Fund. However, sidewalks and streetlights are not included with every project. The questionnaire helps us evaluate the need for these items. Other utility upgrades such as water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and concrete curb and gutter are funded through the utility fund and are not assessed to property owners.

After we review questionnaire responses, we will continue the project planning process. We will present the feasibility report at the public hearing in December. Construction will begin in spring/early summer and end in late fall of 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0318 or cmillner@EdinaMN.gov or Engineering Technician Jamie Cynor at 952-826-0440 or jcynor@EdinaMN.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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