



Sidewalk Improvements
Interlachen Boulevard
(Mirror Lakes Drive to Vernon Avenue)

July 28, 2015

Dear Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to update residents regarding the sidewalk project on the south side of Interlachen Boulevard (between Mirror Lakes Drive and Vernon Avenue) that is scheduled to begin construction this year. As we discussed at the open house meeting on June 25 and in phone conversations with several individual residents, we hoped to construct the entire length of the sidewalk this year; however, this depended on design and cost factors that had yet to be determined.

As staff has worked on the final design of the project, we have found that several locations in the western and eastern portions of the project require significant design considerations that will affect both the design schedule and construction cost of the project. Specifically, because of significant steep grades, walls at some locations will approach seven feet in height, which requires specially-engineered structural walls. These walls require additional design time and costs, and staff is working with a consultant to determine these in greater detail. Additionally, there are several public utility conflicts that have to be resolved. As a result, we are proposing to construct the sidewalk this year between Interlachen Bluff and Summit Avenue. The portions west (to Mirror Lakes Drive) and east (to Vernon Avenue) of this segment would be constructed next year, to allow for additional time needed for engineering design and cost estimating.

Staff will contact residents individually where needed to schedule on-site meetings to discuss specific impacts to properties. Additionally, we will be in touch regarding upcoming construction activities for this year (we anticipate construction in 2015 to begin in September or October). If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 952-826-0322 or mnolan@EdinaMN.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Nolan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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