CITY OF EDINA

Anticipated 2014 & 2015 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction Projects

Open House Meeting

October 8, 2012

Agenda

- Introductions
- Timeline
- Project Components
- Funding
- What You Can Expect
- Communication
- How to Prepare
- Q&A

Introductions

Engineering Technicians:

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Anticipated 2014 Projects

Clover Lane Addition
Edina Terrace
Hawkes Addition
Morningside
Walnut Ridge

Anticipated 2015 Projects

Edina Highlands Lakeside
Glen View Addition
Holands
Hyde Park

Process

1. Evaluate infrastructure
2. Informational meeting
3. Feasibility study
4. Public hearing
5. Council decision
6. Project ordered
7. Planning & bidding
8. Bids awarded
9. Construction begins
10. Final assessment

Typical Timeline

August/September	Feasibility report and estimates provided
December/January	Public hearing
January-March	Plan preparation and bidding
April/May	Construction begins
October/November	Construction concludes
Spring	Warranty work
Summer/Fall	Final assessment hearing

Why My Street?

- Streets that meet specific standards are subject to reconstruction.
- Priority is given to streets with the highest need based on watermain breaks, sanitary sewer deficiencies, storm sewer/drainage issues, and Pavement Condition Index.
- Reconstruction is usually more cost-effective in the long-term than patching or seal-coating.
- Streets are grouped together to help maximize the economics of scale for construction.

What is Included?

- Always included:
  - Roadway – replacing the entire roadbed
  - Curb and gutter – all or pieces
  - Utility upgrades
- Sometimes included:
  - Sump pump drainage system
  - Sidewalks
  - Streetlights
  - Traffic management
- Full project scope is based on the condition of the infrastructure and resident questionnaire responses

Typical Utility Improvements

- New fire hydrants and gate valves
- Sanitary sewer spot repairs and replacement
- Storm sewer upgrades
  - Sump pump drain pipe in various locations

Typical Roadway Improvements

- Curb and gutter
- New roadbed and pavement surface

Typical Roadway Improvements

- Spot driveway end replacement

Funding

- Projects are funded by a combination of special assessments to residents and the City's Utility Fund
- Assessments are assigned to adjacent properties that stand to benefit from construction improvements

Funding

- Special assessments to residents cover 100 percent of roadway costs.
- Sidewalks and streetlights are not included in special assessments.

Funding

- Utility Fund covers 100 percent of:
  - Concrete curb and gutter
  - Sanitary sewer
  - Storm sewer
  - Water main
  - Sump pump pipe
- The Utility Fund is a collection of utility service charges paid to the City

Other Impacts

- Our goal is to streamline projects and minimize neighborhood disturbance.
- The City encourages private utility companies (gas, electric, telephone and cable TV) to upgrade or repair utilities along the project area.

Do Taxes Cover Street Projects?

- Roughly 20 percent of your property taxes go to the City for expenses such as Police, Fire, Parks and Public Works (snowplowing, pothole repairs, sealcoating, and other street maintenance).
- Your taxes do not pay for street reconstruction.

Payment Options

- You will be billed for the assessment one year after project completion
- Assessments are payable over 15 years
- Payment options:
  1. Pay entire amount upon receiving bill to avoid finance charges
  2. Pay 25 percent; balance rolls to property taxes
  3. Roll entire amount to property taxes
  4. Defer payment if 65 years old or older

What You Can Expect

- We will keep you informed.
- You will have opportunities to provide input.
- Private utility work is to be completed before City work.
- We will do our best to minimize inconveniences, but construction does not come without pain points.

What You Can Expect

- Dust, noise and mud.
- Localized ponding during rainfall.
- Timelines sometimes delayed due to weather.
- You may be asked to limit water use.
- Your home may be connected to a temporary water line.

What You Can Expect

- Your driveway may be inaccessible for up to seven days.
- Roadways to your home may be periodically inaccessible.
- The contractor will accommodate special access needs.
- Irrigation and pet containment systems may be damaged.

Property Impacts

- Items located within the City's right-of-way may be damaged
  - Private utilities will be repaired if you notify us of them.
  - You can remove plantings and other landscape features before the project.
  - The City will seed or sod in the right-of-way after the project is complete.

Providing Input

- Public hearings and questionnaire mailed to your home
- Weigh in on:
  - Sump pump drainage options
  - Are there traffic issues in your neighborhood?
  - Are there drainage issues in your neighborhood?
  - Pet fences and irrigation systems
  - Any other concerns?

Communication Tools

- Become a neighborhood captain to help facilitate project communication.
  - Let us know of someone in your neighborhood who might fit this role.
- You will be notified of all meetings, hearings, schedules and questionnaires via regular mail.
- Public hearing notices are also published in *Edina Sun-Current*.
- Door hangers are hung when there is time-sensitive information.
- Final assessment notices are mailed one year after construction.

City Extra

"City Extra" emails are the best way to receive regular updates once construction begins. These are free weekly email updates about your project.

- Sign up on City of Edina website, www.EdinaMN.gov.
  - Check the box next to your project name.
- If you cannot receive email, we will mail you City Extra updates upon request.

How to Prepare

- Begin financial planning
- Complete questionnaire
- Coordinate home and yard improvement projects around the street construction timeline
- Ask questions; stay informed

Contact Us

Email: mail@edinamn.gov

Call: 952-826-0371

Visit: Engineering Department
7450 Metro Blvd.

Thanks for your time!

Questions?