

May 20, 2011

W. 70th Street (TH100 to France Avenue) Reconstruction Project

Dear Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents, while the second section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents.

Phase Updates

Phase 1

(Streets between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue)

Roadway Construction

The City's contractor will begin grading for the roadway and roundabout beginning the day after Memorial Day, May 31. We anticipate this portion of construction lasting approximately two weeks, weather dependent.

Gas Main

Centerpoint's contractor will continue placing the new gas main. They have made significant progress as they continue along 70th Street. They anticipate being beyond the roundabout area by the end of next week.

Overall Updates

Weekend Race Traffic

The "Get Your Rear In Gear 5K run/walk" will be held this Sunday, May 22, starting at 8:30 a.m. The race course includes 66th Street which serves as the posted detour for 70th Street. Police will be re-routing traffic during the event. Please make an effort to choose another route during this event. The posted detour signs will be bagged or turned around during the event.

Detour

We continue to encourage drivers to use TH-100, I-494, TH-62 (Crosstown) and France Avenue as much as possible during construction and avoid W. 70th Street and adjacent neighborhoods, if at all possible.

As stated in a previous correspondence, W. 70th Street will only be closed to thru traffic but you will still be able to access your home during construction. At some point, complete closure of certain segments will take place; however, these closures will only take place during the day and reopen to traffic at night. Attempts will be made to keep complete closures to a minimum and we will do our best to ensure affected residents are notified prior to each closure.

To view the posted detour, please click on the following link:

<http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/PDFs/EngineeringProjects/ENG10-3 West70th/Project Schedule and Detour.pdf>

Bus Service

The Metro Transit bus stops and bus routes will be temporarily relocated to 66th Street for the duration of the construction project.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Andrew Plowman, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7149, aplowman@wsbeng.com, or on-site inspector, Blair Fowler, 612-245-7835.

Special Events

Please contact me if you have any special events planned for this spring and summer that may require special access needs to your home during construction activities.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew Plowman, PE
Project Manager
WSB & Associates, Inc.