

Construction Update No. 1
70th Street Neighborhood Reconstruction
City of Edina Contract No. ENG 10-3

May 12, 2010

Dear Resident:

Here is an update on the status of this project.

Construction Status:

The Edina City Council authorized the creation of bid documents for this project at the December 15, 2009, City Council Meeting. The consultant for this project, WSB, Inc., has completed the final design and submitted the project to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) for approval. During the MNDOT review they informed the City that a variance for parking lane width will be required for MNDOT approval. The process for attaining this variance will delay the construction start of the project. We should know on June 24 if the variance has been approved. After that date, we will send out another update with a potential construction schedule. We do know that with this delay construction will extend into the summer of 2011.

The City Council was notified of the variance request at their May 4, 2010, City Council Meeting. The staff report and the City Council meeting can be viewed on Watch a Program segment of the City of Edina website at: <http://www.cityofedina.com/departments/WatchaMeeting.htm>.

Center Point Energy (CPE) has started to replace the gas services located along West 70th Street. We will be asking CPE to restore the boulevards within the next couple of weeks due to the delay in schedule. They will also be rehabilitating the joints of a steel gas main that runs along West 70th Street; the construction schedule for this work will be identified in future mailings.

Communication

We have multiple ways of communicating with property owners before, during, and after construction projects. The most frequently used method is the City Extra e-mail notification service. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to "West 70th Street - TH 100 to France Avenue". Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra.

Once the project is underway, we will update the City Extra e-mail notification system on a weekly basis. These updates will cover things you need to know for the following week's schedule such as water shut off, parking restrictions, etc; it will also cover weekly street reconstruction highlights. All property owners, including those signed up for the e-mail notification system will continue to receive paper copies of the construction update letters by regular mail on a monthly basis.

Thank you,

Wayne D. Houle, PE
Director of Public Works / City Engineer