



Construction Update No. 2
W. 70th Street (TH 100 to France Avenue) Reconstruction Project
City of Edina Contract No. ENG 10-3

November 9, 2010

City of Edina

Dear Property Owner:

On Tuesday, September 21, 2010, the Edina City Council awarded the West 70th Street project to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. (contractor). Work is expected to commence early April, 2011.

Project Description

This project consists of street and utility improvements along West 70th Street from Highway 100 to France Avenue and includes the following design elements as approved by the City Council:

- ✓ Bituminous pavement for a quieter roadway surface.
- ✓ One direction bike lanes on both sides of the roadway.
- ✓ Parking lane on north side of roadway.
- ✓ New traffic signal at West Shore Drive.
- ✓ Upgraded traffic signals at Cornelia Drive, TH100, and France Avenue.
- ✓ Upgraded crosswalk at Wooddale Avenue to pedestrian activated overhead mounted flasher system.
- ✓ Adding a single lane round-about at Valley View Road.
- ✓ Upgrading storm sewer system.
- ✓ Rehabilitating the water system and sanitary sewer system.
- ✓ Adding landscaping features on the west and east end of the project.

Project Schedule and Detours

Construction is expected to be completed in three phases (See Exhibit A), with the first phase to begin in April and the last phase to be substantially completed by November. The first phase will occur at the east end. Additional information on the construction will be sent next spring. A detour will be set up to divert pass-through traffic from the construction area (See Exhibit B). Due to safety reasons through-traffic will not be allowed through the construction zones.

Special Events

Please contact me if you have any special events planned during construction that may require special access to your home. Such events could include graduation parties, wedding receptions, medical deliveries, etc. The contractor will work with you as much as possible to accommodate your needs.

Items We Need From You

It is the intention of the contractor, WSB, and the City of Edina to keep an open dialogue with you during the course of construction. As part of this, we need a few items from you.

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1. **Pre-Construction Survey:** The contractor is required to hire an independent testing laboratory (ITL) to provide property owners the opportunity to have a pre-construction survey completed of the interior and exterior of their properties along the project corridor. The purpose of the survey is to establish a baseline record relevant to the pre-existing conditions of your home or structure prior to commencement of construction. We do not anticipate any damage due to construction of the roadway; however, this survey is very typical for larger projects and protects both the property owner and the contractor. The site survey is being provided at no cost to you and is completely voluntary.

Please return the Pre-Construction Site Survey form, indicating if you wish to participate or not. The contractor's ITL will contact you if you have indicated this on the survey form or if you do not send back the survey. If you would like to schedule a survey prior to being contacted then please contact Jay Houser at 612-386-0622.

2. **Bituminous Driveway Turnaround Form:** The City has a provision for the contractor to construct bituminous driveway turnarounds for residents that desire one. The costs for these turnarounds are not included in the cost of the project. If you wish to add a turnaround you will be required to fund this expense, driveway turnarounds are not part of the project cost. We recommend that all properties have a turnaround since we feel this provides a safer access from the residential properties onto West 70th Street.

The bid price for constructing the bituminous driveway turnaround is \$40 per square yard. A typical turnaround will be about \$880; assumed size of 10-feet by 20-feet.

If you wish to pursue having a turnaround constructed please fill out the Bituminous Driveway Turnaround Form and return the form in the enclosed self-addressed-stamped envelope to WSB & Associates, Inc. no later than November 30, 2010.

3. **Landscape Notification by City:** Landscaping for this project will be bid out during the summer of 2011 for a spring 2012 planting. We are now asking for comments on the concept plans for this work. Please read through the attached landscaping packet, which includes a cover memo and concept landscape plans for the corridor.

Project Communication

The primary method of communicating with you will be the City Extra email notification service.

The City Extra service is free and allows you to sign up to receive messages from the City regarding this project, and any other project of interest. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com>. Follow the instructions to sign up and then select 'West 70th Street-TH 100 to France Avenue' from the list of projects under Public Works. Any information you provide will be confidential and only specific information you request will be sent to you. Your subscriptions are protected by your own personal password.

If you do not have access to email or the internet, please call me at 763-287-7149 and I will be sure to have hard copy correspondences sent to you, to keep you informed.

Project Contacts

Please feel free to call me, Andrew Plowman at WSB & Associates, Inc., with questions and concerns. My contact information is:

763-287-7149 office phone
612-360-1311 cell phone
aplowman@wsbeng.com email

Sincerely,

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

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

Enclosure

C: Wayne D. Houle, City of Edina