



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

March 23, 2011

Dear Property Owner:

On November 9, 2010, you received Construction Update No. 2 regarding the West 70th Street (TH100 to France Avenue) Reconstruction Project. That letter stated construction activities would begin this April. Although construction activities have not begun yet, locaters have been locating the existing utilities. The contractor, Northwest Asphalt, is scheduled to start mobilizing April 18 and to set up the detour route April 25. The remainder of this letter will summarize the project and answer questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project. It will be an inconvenience for a few months, but I think you will feel as though it was well worth it when the project is completed in the fall.

Project Description

This project includes street and utility improvements and 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 roundabout at Valley View Road.
- ✓ Upgraded storm sewer system.
- ✓ Rehabilitating the water system and sanitary sewer system.
- ✓ Adding landscaping features on the west and east end of the project.
- ✓ Upgrade of the lighting along the south side of West 70th Street.

You may view the proposed improvements at the West 70th Street Project website:
http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/Departments/L5_ConstructionProjects_103_W70th.htm

For the most part, the existing width from curb to curb will not change. The only exceptions are the areas adjacent to the signal systems at West Shore Drive and Cornelia Drive and the right-turn lane at Christ Presbyterian Church and the roundabout at Valley View Road.

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Project Schedule

Construction will be completed in three phases (See Exhibit A).

Phase 1: Cornelia Drive to France Avenue – This section is to commence April 18 and last through part of June.

Phase 2: West Shore Drive to Cornelia Drive – The section will most likely begin in mid-June after Phase 1. This segment should be completed around mid-August.

Phase 3: TH 100 to West Shore Drive – This section will most likely begin in mid-August, after phase 2 is completed.

It is anticipated the entire project should be completed by November 2011. There may be final cleanup activities, but the roadway will operate with no detours starting in November 2011.

Detours

The roadway will be posted as “Closed To Thru Traffic;” however, residents that access their properties from West 70th Street will be able to during the project. A detour will be posted for any thru traffic, see attached Exhibit B.

Service vehicles such as emergency, garbage, postal, school buses, etc., will maintain their routes along West 70th Street. The Metro Transit bus service that runs along West 70th Street will be using West 66th Street during the duration of the project. Metro Transit will post the changes at the current bus stop locations, at least one week prior to the change.

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.

Pre-Construction Survey:

We have been in contact with many of you regarding having a pre-construction survey done, if you live adjacent to the project area. The contractor is required to hire an independent testing laboratory (ITL) to provide you the opportunity to have an interior and exterior pre-construction survey of your property completed 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.

The ITL, Jay Houser of Loss Prevention (612-386-0622), is in the process of performing many of the surveys. Mr. Houser will be contacting you, even if you have not submitted the previously sent waiver to be certain that you do not wish to take part in the survey.

Bituminous Driveway Turnaround:

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. 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). You will be allowed to add this to your special assessment if you wish.

For those of you that responded favorably to learning more about adding the turnaround, our inspector, Blair Fowler (612-245-7835), will contact you in May to discuss further details and if it works for your situation.

Project Communication

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

The City's 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.

Weekly updates will be posted on the website and sent out via the City Extra mailing.

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:

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612-360-1311 cell phone

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Sincerely,



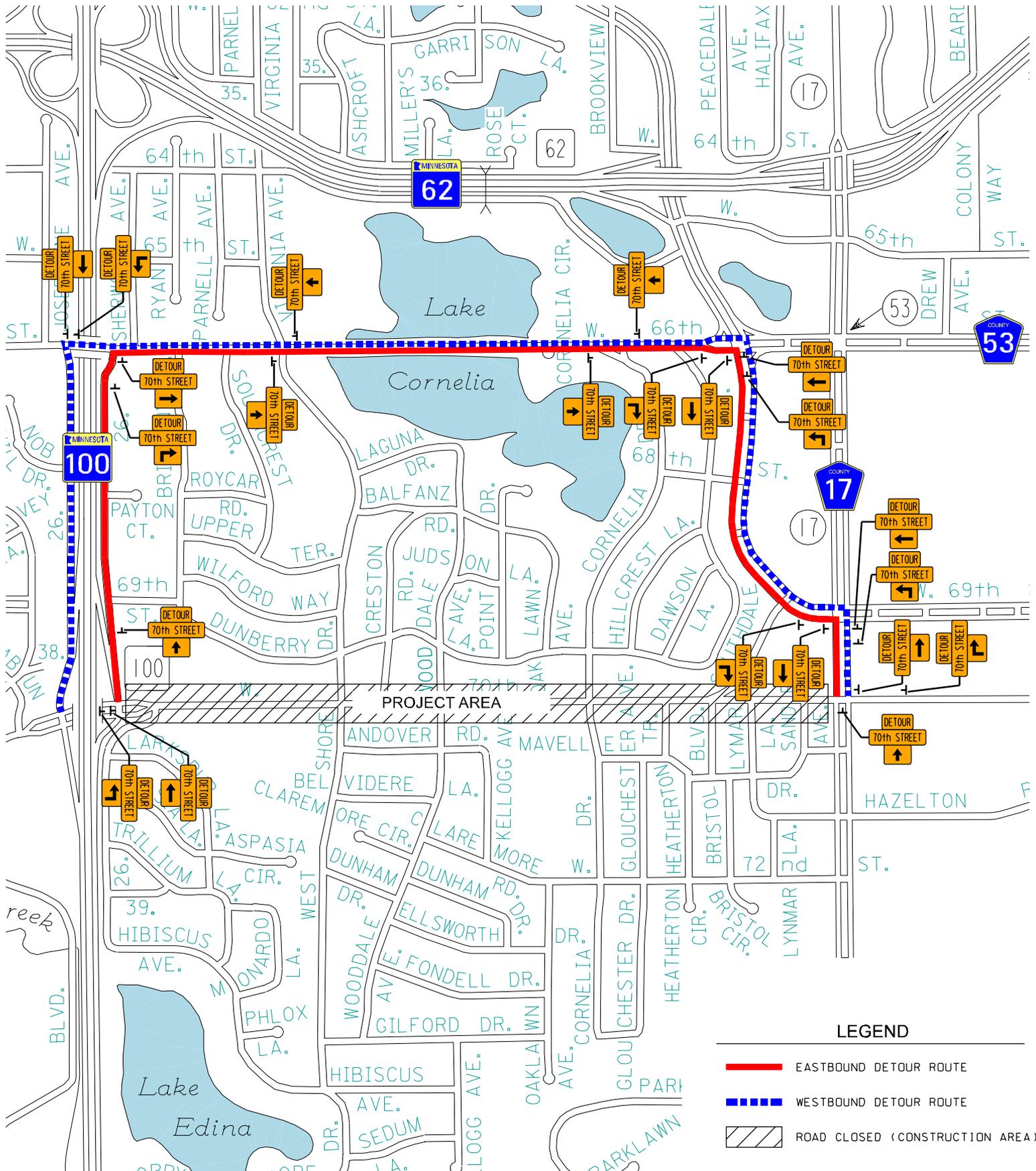
Andrew Plowman, PE
Project Engineer
WSB & Associates, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Wayne D. Houle, City of Edina

West 70th Street Construction

Detour Route - April to November, 2011



LEGEND

- EASTBOUND DETOUR ROUTE
- - - WESTBOUND DETOUR ROUTE
- / / / ROAD CLOSED (CONSTRUCTION AREA)

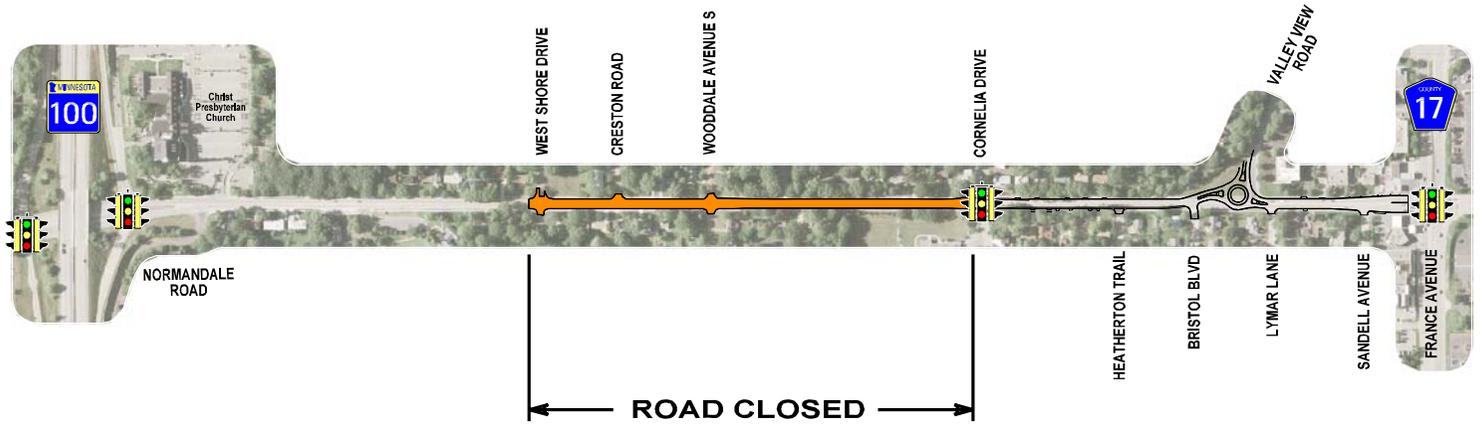


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Phase 1 - April to June, 2011



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Phase 3 - August to November, 2011

