

# 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project Elysian, Minnesota

# Project Update



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This letter is being sent to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

Xcel Energy and their contractor (Q3) have now completed their gas service connections to the new gas mains and are finished making upgrades to the gas lines. Now that the gas lines are out of the way, James Bros. may now move into areas where the new utilities were in conflict with the gas lines.

James Bros. has completed the remaining water main installation on Frank Avenue NW between County Road 11 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, and will complete pressure tests and bacteria tests on that new water main before beginning to reinstall new water services along Frank Avenue NW.

During the rest of this week, the contractor will continue installing storm sewer on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW. During the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will begin installing water services on Frank Avenue between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, followed by beginning street construction in this area.

Street construction involves several steps. First, the street is subcut. This involves excavation and removal of the top layer of soil. After subcutting, geotextile fabric will be placed over the entire width of the street and drain tile will be placed in the street. A layer of gravel will then be placed to begin building up the street section. The final steps of street construction involve placement of concrete curb and gutter and the bituminous surfacing. Please expect no access to your driveways during most of the work prior to the gravel being placed.

Lawn sump catch basins will be installed for each house along the project at a location in the right-of-way where you can connect a sump pump line to the storm sewer. (Sump pumps ONLY; NO roof leaders.) **Please call me ASAP to schedule a time when we can meet to mark your desired location of the lawn sump catch basin for your property, or feel free to email me a description of the location.**

The contractor has set up temporary water lines along the boulevard on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in preparation of the remaining water main replacement on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Replacing an existing water system involves several steps. First, an above ground temporary water system is assembled (blue PVC pipe). The two-inch temporary water main and three-quarter-inch water services are assembled, connected to a hydrant, filled, disinfected, and then connected to the outside spigots of the houses. At that point, the existing underground water main can be shut off and the new water main can be installed. Water will be supplied to individual housing units through smaller pipes that branch out to the homes. Temporary water will only be installed in areas of the project where the existing water main is being replaced. In certain locations, these temporary water lines may cross the street and/or driveways. Gravel has been placed over the top of these lines so that vehicles can safely drive over them. **Please do not move the temporary water lines. You may carefully trim next to the hoses and pipes, but please do not mow over them.**

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**Again, we want to remind folks that anything within the public right-of-way is in jeopardy of being damaged and/or removed.** It is important for those of you who have sprinkler or pet containment systems to contact me so that we are made aware of them.

**If you are interested in “saving a stamp” and receiving future Project Updates quicker via e-mail,** please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at: [jbrinkman@sehinc.com](mailto:jbrinkman@sehinc.com).

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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