

2016 Street and Utility Improvement Project Elysian, Le Sueur County, Minnesota

Project Update



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

The contractor is rough grading and placing black dirt in the boulevards in preparation of the final landscaping. Beginning Monday, October 3rd, the landscapers will be performing fine grading, seeding, and mulch. They will also be working on remediating some areas where grass that was planted earlier this summer did not get fully established.

A flier entitled *Caring for Your New Lawn* is attached to this Project Update. Once hydroseeded, we need your help to ensure the lawn receives adequate water and maintenance. Your actions will be especially important if there is little rainfall and warm temperatures. Some tips for caring for your new lawn include:

- **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the establishment period.**
- Water your new lawn 1 to 2 inches per week done in 3 or 4 applications.
- Mowing can begin when the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. Mow your new grass as high as possible, approximately 3 inches, and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year.

On Thursday, September 29th, the contractor completed the last of the paving for this season. The final wear course on the rest of the streets will be placed next spring. **Please avoid parking or turning your wheels on the new pavement, if possible, as this can leave marks, especially in hot weather.**

The contractor intends to begin work on the drainage basin once the boulevard seeding work has been completed.

The last regularly scheduled weekly Progress Meeting for this project was held September 14th. I'd like to thank those who attended any of these weekly meetings over the course of the project. Your comments and concerns are important.

The project is nearing substantial completion. **This is the last Project Update you will receive until next spring.** Communication on the status of major work items on the project will continue to all project stakeholders, but no weekly newsletters will be sent. If you have any outstanding issues or concerns that have not been addressed or taken care of to your liking, please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can relay the information to the contractor. Keep in mind that the contractor will be back on the project next year to place the final layer of bituminous and address any warranty items prior to final completion of the project.

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

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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Caring for Your New Lawn

Please help us take care of your new lawn!

Now that the project area has been seeded, care must be taken to ensure the seed germinates and the lawn matures. We ask for your assistance to help ensure that the lawn receives adequate water and proper maintenance. **Keep all traffic (including people and pets) out of the seeded area during the establishment period.**

WATERING

Grass seed needs moisture to germinate. The new grass seedlings are very tender and will die if they dry out. It is very important to water any seeded area until the grass is well established. Lightly water the grass seed during germination to avoid washing away the seed. Once the seed has sprouted, it needs about one to two inches of water per week. This should be applied in three or four applications.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Once established, seeded areas are generally sturdier than new sod. However, during dry periods you must remember to give the newly seeded area a little extra water and let it grow a little longer before mowing. Fertilize as described below if the grass begins to yellow.

MOWING

Your new seed should not be mowed until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted or the grass goes to seed. It may take longer than 30 days for these conditions to occur. Prior to mowing, set the mower deck at the *highest setting* and cut the new grass with this setting for the remainder of the year. **Your new lawn will die if you cut it too short or during hot weather.**

FERTILIZING

Fertilizer may be needed if the grass begins to yellow. Phosphorous-free fertilizer is required on mature lawns. We recommend a slow-release fertilizer such as 10-0-10 or 22-0-10. Phosphorous type fertilizers may be used on new lawns but should be avoided if the area drains to the storm sewer, ponds, or wetlands.

If you have any questions or problems with your lawn, please call Lee Istvanovich, Resident Project Representative, at 507.676.2202.

Your efforts should result in a healthy, vigorous lawn. We appreciate your assistance.