

2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project Elysian, Minnesota

Project Update



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

Over the past week, James Bros. has completed the construction of roadway on Park Avenue NW between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, and on 3rd Street NW from Frank Avenue to Park Avenue. In addition, they have removed the current road surface on 2nd Street and 3rd Street NW between Park Avenue and Main Street. Driveways and aprons have also been poured for residents along Frank Avenue NW.

Concrete that has just been poured needs time to cure. Though it may look passable, even walking on it can damage the surface. After the concrete has been poured, a curing compound is placed on the surface to help it cure evenly. This white compound may look like the concrete is dry, but again it still needs time to cure. It takes 7 to 10 days for the concrete to cure to be able to walk on and not do any harm.

James Bros. Construction has begun the last of the utility work in the area with the installation of water main on Park Avenue between 4th Street NW and 3rd Street NW. After the installation of new water services along this portion of Park Avenue NW and a handful of services on 3rd Street NW, the utility work will be complete for this area of the project. The contractor will then focus efforts on completing the street construction in the project area north of Mai Street. Street construction involves the following: subcutting the road bed, placement of geotextile fabric, drain tile, gravel base, and grading work in preparation of curb placement. The next round of curb placement is expected around August 6th, with paving about a week later.

Until the water main is completed, tested, and in operation, the temporary water lines will remain in service in the boulevard on the block of Park Avenue between 3rd Street NW and 4th Street NW. In certain locations, these temporary water lines may cross the street and/or driveways. Gravel will be 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.**

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.

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

We thank you for your patience and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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