

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.

The contractor will not be working on Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day. Also, please note that a weekly notice is not expected to be sent next week. The next Project Update will likely be on June 8th.

Xcel Energy and their contractor (Q3) are continuing with gas main relocation work and gas services reconnections. They expect to be in the area another finished up in the area reconnecting services the next week.

Please see Phasing Map sent with May 3rd notice for a description of the anticipated phasing schedule. James Bros. has completed the retaining wall in the park, removing pavement and installing water main on Frank Avenue NW between 3rd and 4th Streets NW, and will be getting the area buttoned up prior to restoration and the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

During the week of May 28th, the contractor is expected to continue removing the existing pavement on Frank Avenue NW (Phase 2) between 3rd and 1st Streets NW in order to continue installing water main on those same blocks. They will also be installing storm sewer in the intersection of Frank Avenue NW and 2nd Street NW.

You will still have access to your driveways and homes during this pavement removal phase of the project. However, we ask that you do not park on the street just prior to or after the surfacing has been removed. Please take note of the progress of any utility work as it will temporarily cut off access while that work is taking place.

The contractor will begin setting up temporary water lines along the boulevard on Frank Avenue (Phase 2) the week of May 28th in preparation of starting on the water main replacement on Frank Avenue NW. 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 this 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 will be placed over the top of these lines so that vehicles can safely drive over them.

The week of June 4th, the contractor is tentatively expected to move to 3rd Street NW and begin removals, temporary water, and begin installing water main on 3rd Street NW.

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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 more promptly 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.

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

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

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