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2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How was this project initiated?

A: The City Council of North Saint Paul passed a resolution ordering the 2018 Street & Utility Improvement Project.

Q: What work is proposed?

A: New gas mains and gas services are currently being worked on by Xcel Energy Gas and are anticipated to be completed this summer. Later this year, work will include upgrades to city sanitary sewer and watermain utilities in 2018. 2019 will bring work on roadway, drainage and water quality improvements.

The 2018 sanitary sewer and watermain project is planned to be awarded to a contractor in early July, with construction to start in late July at the earliest, depending on weather and contractor scheduling.

Q: When will this project occur?

A: The first phase, primarily water and sewer work, is scheduled to be complete by March 2019, with the majority of it complete by late fall 2018. Most of this work will be done by drilling and without the need for digging. The second phase, primarily streets and storm sewer work, will begin in spring 2019 and be complete in fall 2019.

Q: Where will I be able to pick up my mail? How will garbage service be affected?

A: The contractor will install temporary mailboxes as determined by the Post Office and residents will be notified of their location. The existing mailbox will be salvaged until after construction and reinstalled in a similar location.

Trash pickup in the neighborhood will take place on the same day it currently occurs. The contractor will provide access to the neighborhood to garbage trucks for pickup, or coordinate with the disposal service providers during the occasional exception throughout the project to minimize inconvenience to the residents.

Q: How are landscaping features and lawn irrigation systems dealt with during construction?

A: The contractor is responsible for protecting, or replacing to their original condition if damaged, most items such as small retaining walls, landscape features, or irrigation systems found in the homeowner's yard. For underground items such as invisible pet fences and irrigation lines, all homeowners are asked to make an effort to mark them so that the contractor can work around them and protect them as much as possible from damage. It is the homeowner's responsibility to relocate any plantings that will be disturbed by construction; the contractor will not replace plantings with final restoration of the project.

Q: How much is this project going to cost me?

A: This project is proposed to be funded by the City's Street Capital Improvement Funds and Special Assessments to benefiting properties. The City's assessment policy is to assess per front-foot formula based on the type of construction. More information can be seen on the city website:

<https://www.northstpaul.org/491/Special-Assessments>

Q: Will I always have access to my driveway?

A: Residents will have access to their driveways for the majority of the construction project. However, if and when concrete curb and gutter is being replaced in front of your driveway, the City requires a 5-day minimum curing time with no disturbance to the concrete during this time. There also may be short periods during the day where a resident may not have access to his/her driveway due to roadway construction. Property owners will be provided as much advance notification as possible when access to driveways will be restricted.

Q: During what hours will work occur?

A: The City of North St. Paul has specified the following working hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday working hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No work is permitted on Sundays or holidays without City Council authorization.

Q: Will the areas of my lawn that are disturbed be replaced?

A: Sections of maintained lawn that need to be removed for construction will be restored with new seed. Seeding will take place in 2018, and final yard restoration will include the option of seeding or sodding, as the property owner prefers.

Q: How will my boulevard trees be impacted with construction?

A: Construction will necessitate the removal of specific trees. Please find enclosed a map of trees scheduled for removal for utility replacement (2018) and street reconstruction (2019). All new replacement trees will be placed on private property in 2019 near the location of the original tree and affected residents may choose from a selection of tree species. The resident coordination of tree replacement will begin after the trees are removed. Prior to removal, if a resident would like individual consultation on specific tree removals and replacements they may contact the Public Involvement Manager at the email address or phone number listed at the end of the letter.