

June 3, 2011

W. 70th Street (TH100 to France Avenue) Reconstruction Project

Dear Residents:

Please note that this update is divided into two sections. The first section, Phase Updates, contains specific information pertaining to particular residents, while the second section, Overall Updates, contains important information pertaining to all residents.

Phase Updates

Phase 1

(Streets between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue)

Roadway Construction

The City's contractor will begin final grading for the roadway between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue on June 7. The roadway work will include grading for the roundabout at Valley View Road. There will be many construction vehicles in this area, please use caution before entering this construction zone. Please use an alternate route if at all possible.

We anticipate concrete curb and gutter construction will commence on June 15.

Gas Main

Centerpoint's contractor has nearly finished the replacement of the 6" service line. They are currently reconnecting services near the area of Arneson Acres. The connections are making travel through 70th Street difficult. We appreciate your patience while this work is being completed.

Centerpoint's contractor anticipates the placement of the 24" high pressure gas main between Cornelia Drive and France Avenue to be complete by June 6 or 7. They will continue to work towards the west end of the project, and they anticipate completion of the entire line towards the end of June.

They will be gassing up certain portions of the line at various times. When this process occurs, a distinct odor will be emitted. This odor does not indicate a leak or safety concern.

Overall Updates

Detour

We continue to encourage drivers to use TH-100, I-494, TH-62 (Crosstown) and France Avenue as much as possible during construction and avoid W. 70th Street and adjacent neighborhoods, if at all possible.

As stated in previous correspondences, W. 70th Street will only be closed to thru traffic but you will still be able to access your home during construction. At some point, complete closure of certain segments will take place; however, these closures will only take place during the day and reopen to traffic at night. Attempts will be made to keep complete closures to a minimum and we will do our best to ensure affected residents are notified prior to each closure.

To view the posted detour, please click on the following link:
http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/PDFs/EngineeringProjects/ENG10-3_West70th/Project_Schedule_and_Detour.pdf

Bus Service

The Metro Transit bus stops and bus routes will be temporarily relocated to 66th Street for the duration of the construction project.

Safety

Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency

During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns

Andrew Plowman, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7149, aplowman@wsbeng.com or on-site inspector, Blair Fowler, 612-245-7835.

Special Events

Please contact me if you have any special events planned for this spring and summer that may require special access needs to your home during construction activities.
Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project.

Sincerely,

Andrew Plowman, PE
Project Manager
WSB & Associates, Inc.