April 15, 2011

W. 70th Street (TH 100 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)

Removals

Removal of the existing concrete pavement will commence on April 25. On May 2, Centerpoint will start removing the existing 24" high pressure gas main and preparing to place a new gas main. Centerpoint will be performing gas main replacement between West Shore Drive and France Avenue throughout the month of May and into June.

Utilities

The contractor will begin placing water main near the intersection of Valley View Road and 70th Street. New valves will be placed to limit the need for long water main shut downs. Residents will be notified via doorknob hangers prior to any water main shut-off that will affect your water service. We do not anticipate any water shut-off lasting for more than 2 hours.

Overall Updates

Detour

This is a revision to the April 7 City Extra. The detour signage will be in place on Friday, April 22; however, 70th Street will not have any barricades in place until Monday, April 25. This will ensure folks who attend Easter at Christ Presbyterian Church will be able to use 70th Street.

As stated in a previous correspondence, 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 of W. 70th Street 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

Safety
Please remind your children to stay away from construction sites, construction machinery, and stockpiled materials. These sites, machines and materials can be dangerous. Job site safety is our number one concern.

Who to Contact in an Emergency
During a life or property-threatening emergency, call 911. If construction equipment or materials need to be moved as part of dealing with the emergency, 911 has a list of the contractor's emergency contacts.

Who to Contact with Questions and Concerns
Please call me, Andrew Plowman, WSB's Project Representative at 763-287-7149 to discuss any concerns or questions you might have regarding the project or email me at aplowman@wsbeng.com. You may also call the on-site inspector, Blair Fowler, if you have a specific question during construction. Blair's number is 612-245-7835.

If Blair or I do not have an answer for you, we will route your question to the City, contractor or other staff members of WSB. Once I have your answer or information, I will call you back.

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. Such activities could be graduation parties, garage sales, retirement parties, weddings, medical deliveries, house moves, etc. The contractor will work with you as best they can to accommodate your event into their reconstruction schedule.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project.

Sincerely,

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