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Re: Riverside Extension (15th Ave S/4th St S) Reconstruction 2014

Dear Stakeholder,

We are excited to be able to reconstruct the streets in your area and provide you with a revitalized roadway! On March 18 a public hearing at the City of Minneapolis Transportation and Public Works Committee was held for the project. At the following City of Minneapolis Council meeting on March 28, the work on the project was ordered to proceed. During the 2014 construction season we plan to substantially complete the reconstruction of:

- 4th St S from Cedar Ave to 15th Ave S;
- 15th Ave S from 4th St S to 6th St S; and
- 16th Ave S from 6th St S south to dead end.

The construction will include full removal of the existing road, and replacing the paving, base, curb, gutter, signage and striping, storm main, storm drains, stormwater management technologies, drives, reconstruction of impacted sidewalks, impacted boulevards, and impacted landscaping. The existing street light system will be replaced.

The Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division will be cleaning and lining the existing water main in the project area. City forces from the Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division will be contacting directly impacted properties regarding timing of the water work, temporary connections, and outages as necessary.

The construction areas for 2014 will be closed to through traffic. Local access to properties will be maintained through side streets, alternative accesses, and temporary travel lanes through the construction zone. While traveling to and from your home or business, please be watchful for construction materials and equipment in the street. Please also watch for construction workers while traveling in the area so that they may also return safely home at the end of the day.

Project Notes

- Our equipment is large and heavy and can be **extremely dangerous** if one is not alert around it. We urge you to stay at a safe distance at all times. Please, above all,



impress upon your children not to go beyond the sidewalk at any time and to stay away from material piles and equipment parked on or near the job site. Please observe all posted detour routes and warning signs and arrange to park on side streets or on another block when work is under way in your immediate area.

- Vandalism continues to plague our projects. It not only delays the project but adds to the construction costs. Your cooperation in reporting and preventing such acts is critical and directly benefits you.
- To save yourself time and money, if you have experienced any problems with your sewer and/or water connection it is recommended that you contact a licensed plumber as soon as possible to correct the problem **before** the streets are paved. One problem frequently encountered in connection with street paving is the condition and age of the private water and sewer services from the house or business to the City main in the street. Occasionally, because of the age and condition of these services, they may require repair or replacement within a relatively short period of time after the new paving is completed. If you are planning to upgrade your water or sewer service, please contact Keith Gronhovd at 612.328.4500/Keith.Gronhovd@minneapolismn.gov to coordinate with the project's schedule.
- We may have to replace your driveway approach. If we do, we will notify you in advance and ask you to park at another location for seven days to allow the concrete to properly cure.
- We will construct new curb and gutter by properties on the corridor. To do so, we will excavate a portion of the City boulevard directly behind the curb. The City boulevard is the area between the sidewalk and concrete curb. We will place new topsoil and sod where it was disturbed. The tree and sod planting will likely occur late this year or next year. Any private lawn sprinkler systems, decorative carriage walks, special flowers, bushes or other decorative lawn items in the boulevard are the responsibility of the property owner to identify and protect. If you have any areas you would like protected, please contact Keith Gronhovd at 612.328.4500/Keith.Gronhovd@minneapolismn.gov.

Stages

The work will be done in multiple stages. That is to accommodate the multiple construction activities including street removals, water main relining, storm main construction, private utilities work, storm drain connections, and street paving. The staging also helps to accommodate property access during construction activities.

Access to properties during construction will be through the construction zone. We attempt to limit routes that access through active construction areas. Please be aware and expect daily changes to the access route, the presence of construction vehicles and workers, and temporary closures (for example, during driveway apron replacements). For everyone's safety, please expect construction vehicles and workers in the entire area of the project.

Timing

We expect to start work early June and be substantially complete with the project by this November. All timing is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to weather. A periodic update on the schedule and work will be posted to the project website and issued through a project update email.

Additional cleanup, behind the curb work, and planting will continue after the road has been reopened. Trees will likely be planted for the full project area in the spring of 2015.

Communication

A project update will start prior to construction activities. If you would like to receive a weekly email of this update and haven't already done so, please visit the project website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-095401> to request to be added.

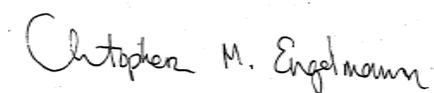
The updates will also be posted on the project website. As always, you can contact the Project Engineer Chris Engelmann at 612.673.3274 or Chris.Engelmann@minneapolismn.gov or the Construction Manager Keith Gronhovd at 612.328.4500 or Keith.Gronhovd@minneapolismn.gov with any questions.

A preconstruction public meeting will also be held on Wednesday May 21, 2014, between 3:30 and 4:30PM at the Brian Coyle Center at 420 15th Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

A list of other projects in the area that may be of interest to you is found below:

- City of Minneapolis Projects: <http://minneapolismn.gov/cip/2014/index.htm>

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to providing you will a fresh look in the area.



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Riverside Extension (15th Ave S/4th St S) Reconstruction Project Map

