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Re: Cedar Avenue Sidewalk Construction 2014

Dear Stakeholder,

We are excited to be able to construct the sidewalks and boulevards in your area and provide you with a revitalized roadway! On June 17 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 July 8, the work on the project was ordered to proceed. During the 2014 construction season we plan to substantially complete the construction of:

- Sidewalks and boulevards on Cedar Ave from 3rd St S to 7th St S;
- Reconfigure Cedar Ave from 4 lanes to 3 lanes and add parking on the west side;
- Replace the lighting system; and
- Install a median refuge island for pedestrian crossings on Cedar Ave between 6th St S and 4th St S/Riverside Ave.

The construction will include full removal of the existing sidewalk and boulevard, replacing the curb on the west side of the roadway, reconnecting storm drains, and signing/stripping. The existing street light system will also be replaced.

The construction areas will remain open to vehicle and pedestrian traffic throughout the project. However, be aware that some driving or parking lanes or sections of sidewalk may be closed at times, and that there may be work activities happening next to traffic and pedestrian ways. While traveling to and from your home or business, please be watchful for construction materials and equipment in or next to 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

- Construction 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 into any work area at any time, and to stay away from material piles and equipment parked on or near the job site. Please observe all construction signing 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.
- 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 on the west side of Cedar Ave and in spot areas on the east side of Cedar Ave. The sidewalk and boulevard areas will also be removed and replaced on both sides of the roadway, in some cases up to the building face. We will place new concrete or topsoil/sod where it was disturbed. The tree and sod planting will likely occur next year. If you have any specific concerns with your doorway, building façade, or other items in or near the construction area, please contact Bob Schmidt at 651-308-3805/bob.schmidt@kimley-horn.com.

Stages

The work will be done in multiple stages. That is to accommodate the multiple construction activities including curb, sidewalk, and boulevard removals, storm drain connections, and street paving. The staging also helps to accommodate sidewalk and property access during construction activities. Cedar Ave will remain open to traffic during construction, but there will be impacts on the number of driving and parking lanes available.

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

Timing

We expect to start work in mid- to late August and be partially complete with the project by November. The remaining work will need to be completed in 2015. 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.

Trees will likely be planted for the full project area in the spring of 2015.

Communication

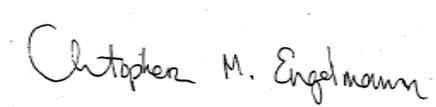
A project update will start soon, as construction activities are anticipated to start in August. If you would like to receive a weekly email of this update and haven't already done so, please visit the project website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/projects/cedarave> to request to be added.

The updates will also be posted on the project website. As always, you can contact the Project Manager Chris Engelmann at 612.673.3274 or Chris.Engelmann@minneapolismn.gov or the On-Site Construction Observer Bob Schmidt at 651-308-3805 or bob.schmidt@kimley-horn.com with any questions.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher M. Engelmann". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Christopher M. Engelmann
Project Engineer

If you need this material in an alternative format please call Chris Engelmann at (612) 673-3274 or email Chris.Engelmann@minneapolismn.gov Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons may use a relay service to call 311 agents at (612) 673-3000. TTY users may call (612) 673-2157 or (612) 673-2626.

Attention: If you have any questions regarding this material please call 311

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Cedar Avenue Sidewalk Construction Project Map

Cedar Ave Sidewalks (3rd St S to 7th St S)

