

2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project New Prague, Minnesota

Project Update



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This letter is being sent to inform you of the progress of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

Over the past week and with a rare stretch of good weather, the contractor was able to pave County Road 37 from Lexington Avenue to Columbus Avenue. Additionally, they were able to continue with sidewalk, curb, and driveway installation. Work has begun on the north roundabout at the intersection of 12th Street and Columbus Avenue and a detour is in effect to keep traffic out of the intersection as the work progresses. CenterPoint Energy restoration workers are also continuing to reestablish lawns where gas connections had been made.

County Road 37 (between Columbus Avenue and Lexington Avenue): For the rest of this week, residents can expect to see some of the last concrete work being done. Utility work on this segment of County Road 37 is now complete and the remaining concrete work is expected to be completed by Monday or Tuesday. **NOTE: New concrete needs about 6 days to cure before it can be driven on.**

Local Streets: Most of the local streets have now been paved with the only remaining portions being on Cottonwood Lane, Lady Slipper Avenue, and 1st Street NE, which are expected to be paved later in the week of July 29th. We ask that residents refrain from parking on those streets until the paving is complete. The contractor will also continue placing topsoil, seed, and mulch in areas as needed.

Once streets have been paved, rolled, and the bituminous has cooled, pavement can be driven on. However, please avoid parking or turning your wheels on the new pavement, if possible, as this can leave marks, especially in hot weather.

Intersection of Columbus Avenue and 12th Street: The contractor has closed the intersection near the high school to begin construction of the north roundabout. It is expected that the road can be prepared for new concrete as early as next week but must remain closed as the concrete cures and crews continue to work in the area. We ask that drivers and residents follow the posted detour signs. Access to the high school at this time is from the west along Hwy 21 and 12th Street NW.

TENTATIVELY, the week of August 5th, this intersection will be temporarily opened back up to traffic while work shifts to the south roundabout at Columbus Avenue and County Road 37. There will be some slight adjustments to the detour route as the access changes for a period of time.

Intersection of Columbus Avenue and County road 37 (7th Street) is currently open to traffic despite the gravel surface and is expected to be open to traffic through the week of July 29th. Tentatively beginning the week of August 5th, there will be a switch made and the intersection of Columbus Avenue and County Road 37 will be CLOSED in order to begin work on that roundabout. At that time the intersection at 12th Street and Columbus will be temporarily opened back up to traffic and the detour rerouted.

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There is the potential that the access to those intersections could switch again before the project is completed. **At no time will both intersections be closed at the same time.**

Please use caution when traveling streets that are under construction. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris.

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

Weekly Progress Meetings for this project are held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. You are welcome to attend these meetings at any time during the course of the project as your schedule allows. Your attendance is not required but is more than welcome.

If you haven't already done so, please send your name, street address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com to receive notices by e-mail.

If you have any question or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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