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PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project is currently in the final design phase. Construction is planned to occur in a phased manner over two years, beginning in about April/May 2020 and continuing until November 2021. A construction phasing map is included at the end of this newsletter.

In each specific area, the construction process will last about 12 weeks. The City's contractor will develop a schedule for the order of street construction at the beginning of each construction season and this detail will be provided to residents to get a better sense of which months construction will be occurring at their location.

In the event the City's contractor is able to get themselves ahead of schedule, streets have been identified to allow the contractor to make additional progress in 2020. If construction starts on your block in 2020, it will be finished in 2020, otherwise it will be constructed in 2021. As construction occurs, schedule updates will be provided via newsletters, website posts, email, flyers, etc.

(P) TREE PROTECTION & COORDINATION

The City of Hopkins and project design team recognize the significance of the mature tree canopy in the Interlachen Park neighborhood. The design team is working to protect the mature, healthy, and trees of desirable species with the project planning. In some cases, it is necessary or appropriate to remove trees for a specific reason.

A letter will be sent in early November to all property owners located next to a proposed tree to be removed and replaced for one of the following reasons:

- Poor Health / Condition
- Undesirable Species / Subject to Invasive Insect Species (Ash)
- Conflict with Utilities
- Conflict with Boulevard Grading

A reason for the proposed tree removal will be provided and options for property owner consideration will be given as applicable based on the tree removal need.

Appropriate trees removals will occur in Spring 2020 or Spring 2021, depending on which phase the corresponding street is located. Replacement trees will be planted in the fall of the same year that the tree was removed. Residents will be able to provide input on what species they would like planted in front of their property for the replacement trees.

LANDSCAPING COORDINATION

In late December or January, letters will also be sent to residents with the following items in the public right-of-way:

 Landscaping such as plants, decorative pavers and bushes

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- Retaining Walls
- Steps
- Fences
- Unique Driveway or Sidewalk Materials (Brick Pavers or Stamped and/or Colored Concrete).

The letter will provide information on the coordination process for these items within the public right-of-way and explain what is completed as part of the project and what is the homeowner's responsibility to salvage and reinstall.

Generally, functional items like walls, steps, fences, and driveway/walk materials would be either salvaged & reinstalled or replaced as part of the project. Decorative landscape items like plants, bushes, and gardens would not be part of the project scope and would be the responsibility of the homeowner to salvage and reinstall if they wish to keep the item(s). However, a project design team member can meet with each property owner, if they desire, to go over the construction limits and discuss what landscaping items may be impacted throughout construction.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS & COMMUNICATION

The City will be securing a contractor in the late winter for the project, after which time a detailed schedule will be developed by the contractor. Prior to the start of construction, a newsletter will be mailed detailing the contractor's proposed schedule.

During construction, the following communications methods will be made available to residents to keep the neighborhood informed of the project happenings:

- 1. Newsletters distributed on a monthly basis
- Project website 'construction updates' on a weekly basis, providing a summary of what was completed the current week and what the contractor's plan is for the next week
- Printed notices delivered to homes at up to a daily basis for property-specific coordination items – temporary (3 – 6 hr) water shutdowns, concrete placement in driveways, etc.
- 4. Residents will be able to contact Josh Hrabe, the lead project construction observer and coordinator, who will be on-site to respond to questions or issues needing immediate attention
- 5. Email & Text Message updates on a weekly basis.

CONTACT AND WEBSITE INFO



Nick Amatuccio, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Engineer overseeing the design and construction process and will serve as one of the main resident contacts. He can be reached at **(612)-965-3926** or **nickam@bolton-menk.com**

Mike Waltman, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Project Manager working on behalf of the City and its residents. He can be reached at **(952) 890-0509** or **(612) 221-6946** or **mikewa@bolton-menk.com**

Eric Klingbeil is the Assistant City Engineer for the City of Hopkins and will be the main contact at the City for this project. He can be reached at **(952) 548-6357** or **eklingbeil@hopkinsmn.com**

Josh Hrabe, of Bolton & Menk, Inc., is the Construction Observer for the project and will be the main point of contact for residents during construction and leading up to construction with landscaping and other coordination items. He can be reached at (612)-965-2473 or joshhr@boltonmenk.com

Website: The website will be updated approximately weekly once construction starts with the latest project info throughout construction, and residents can sign-up for weekly email and/or text updates through the website. The site URL is **www.Hopkins-Interlachen.com**

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