



## **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

### **2021-2022 Street Improvements**

<b>Lake County:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 30)</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (CSAH 35)</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Street (CSAH 20)</b>
<b>City of Two Harbors:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.</b>

### **Lake County & City of Two Harbors**

April 21, 2021

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

Lake County & the City of Two Harbors plan to reconstruct the streets listed above. The planned project is a full reconstruct of the street and underground utilities within the nine-block project area. The project streets are shown on the attached map.

Work is anticipated to begin in mid or late May. With the project comes excitement, but also some anxiety about what to expect during construction.

The enclosed information is provided to answer some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the project. This FAQ document can be kept as a reference for use during the project. In addition to the questions, it includes information about project updates on the City and County websites, and whom to contact with questions as the project proceeds.

A Neighborhood Informational Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via electronic videoconference. A copy of the meeting notice with connection information is enclosed and will also be posted on the City website. Project plans, schedule, costs, and impacts on properties will be reviewed during the meeting, and property owners and residents will have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the construction phase of the project.

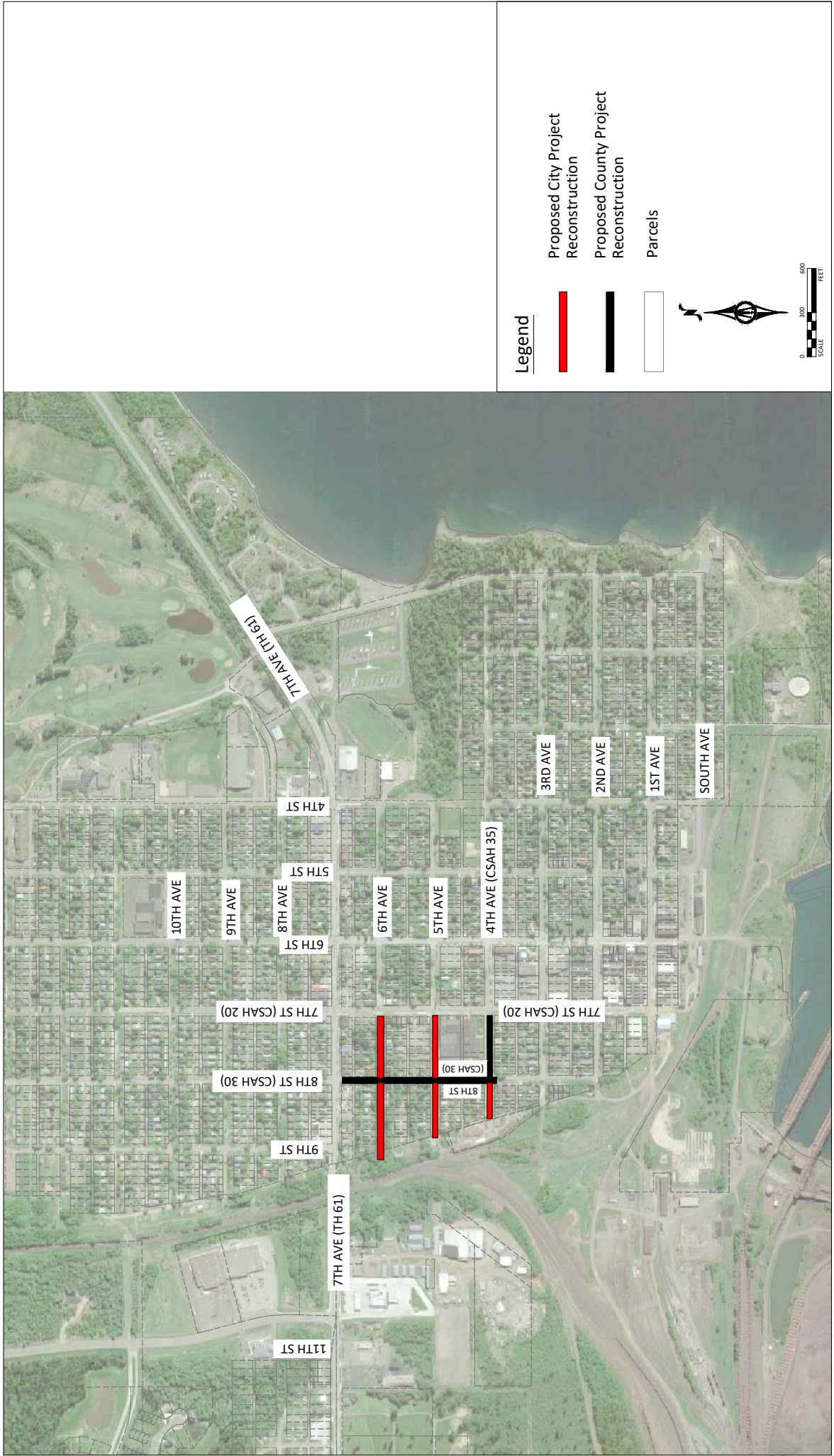
We look forward to successful completion of this important project and thank you in advance for your cooperation during the construction process.

Dan Walker  
Two Harbors City Administrator

Jason DiPiazza  
Lake County Highway Engineer



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City of Two Harbors



# 2021-2022 Street Improvements

## Lake County

### City of Two Harbors

## Frequently Asked Questions

The following information is intended to be a general overview of what to expect during construction of the 2021-2022 Street Improvements project.

#### Q1. What blocks are in the project?

The project includes nine blocks. Four of the blocks are under the jurisdiction of Lake County and five are under jurisdiction of the City of Two Harbors. The blocks in the project are:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (Lake County).
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. (Lake County).
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to its west end. (City).
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its west end. (City).
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to its west end. (City).

#### Q2. What is being done?

**PAVEMENT:** All blocks are receiving new blacktop pavement, supported by new layers of gravel and sand.

**CONCRETE CURB:** New concrete curb is being installed on all blocks.

#### SIDEWALK:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue: The existing sidewalk on both sides are being replaced with new concrete sidewalk.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue: The existing sidewalk on both sides are being replaced with new concrete sidewalk.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> St to 8<sup>th</sup> St: Existing sidewalk on both sides are being replaced with new concrete sidewalk.
  - West of 8<sup>th</sup> St: Existing sidewalk on north side is being replaced with new concrete sidewalk. No sidewalk is being constructed on the south side.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street:
  - The existing sidewalk on both sides are being removed from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave: New sidewalk is being constructed on both sides.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 7<sup>th</sup> Ave: New sidewalk is being constructed on the west side only.

**SANITARY SEWER:** Existing sewer mains will be replaced on all blocks of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The sewer mains are generally located in the center of the avenue. Sewer does not exist along 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Individual house service pipes will be replaced from the sewer main to the property line.

**WATER MAIN:** Existing water main is being replaced on all blocks of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Water main does not exist along 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Individual house service pipes will be replaced from the water main up to and including the service shut off (curb box), which is usually located at or near the property line.

**STORM SEWER:** The existing storm sewer on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the Skunk Creek tunnel to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is being replaced with new storm sewer, including additional catch basins at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. New storm sewer will be installed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the Skunk Creek tunnel to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including catch basins at the intersection. Drain tile is also being installed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as the block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue west of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and on both blocks of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **Q3. When will construction start and how long will it last?**

Construction is expected to begin in mid to late May. Work will not start in all areas at the same time.

In general, work on a block will take about 4 weeks from removal of pavement until new gravel is in place.

Once a block has the new gravel, it should be paved within about another 4 weeks.

For the blocks adjacent to Minnehaha School, the pavement and sidewalks won't be removed until after summer recess begins (approximately June 11<sup>th</sup>).

The blocks adjacent to Minnehaha School are required to have pavement and concrete work done by August 20<sup>th</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> Street is required to be done by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The remaining City Avenues could be done in 2021 if conditions allow, or they could be carried over into 2022. If the Contractor starts work (removes pavement) on a block in 2021, it must be completed with pavement and concrete in 2021. No gravel streets will be allowed over the winter (unless it was gravel prior to the project).

Several factors can influence construction duration - but the single most important factor is weather. A rainy, wet season will make construction more difficult to perform, leading to non-working days and increasing the time needed to complete the project.

The contract specifies all work on the project to be complete by August 1, 2022.

A more detailed schedule should be provided by the Contractor prior to the start of work.

### **Q4. What are the working hours? Will they be working on weekends?**

The approved working hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Contractor may work Saturdays, if they request permission from the city or county. Working on Saturday is usually done only if they are making up for rain days during the week or trying to meet a deadline.

Work on Sundays or holidays would only happen under extreme or emergency conditions.

### **Q5. Will I be able to drive on the road during construction?**

During sewer and water utility work on the avenues, the road is expected to be closed to traffic for about a month. If there are driveways that only have access to an avenue under construction, coordination will be made with that property for access.

Other than during the utility work, in general you should be able to drive on the roads during the project. However, there will be times when you will be discouraged or restricted from doing so. These restrictions are not often and typically occur during the day when construction crews are performing specific work that prevent safe passage, such as concrete work, paving operations, or when vehicle traffic could damage the work.

All driveways should be accessible and usable at the end of each day. The only exception may be for a few days after concrete is poured, to let the concrete cure and harden. Written notice would be provided for those situations.

### **Q6. Will my water or sewer be interrupted?**

It will be necessary to interrupt the water and sewer service for isolated periods during the construction of the new utilities. To allow installation of the new water main, temporary water mains will be used. Properties will be switched over from the old water main to the temporary water main, then from the temporary water main to the new water main when it is ready.

Properties affected by water or sewer service interruptions will be notified in writing at least 48-hours in advance. Service interruptions will generally be limited to 4 hours or less. Service will not be interrupted before 9:00 a.m.

**Q7. What happens to my mail delivery during construction?**

The Contractor will work with the U.S. Postal Service for coordination of mail delivery.

In general, mail service should not be affected by the work.

However, if it becomes unsafe for the mail carrier to deliver the mail, it may become necessary to set up temporary mailboxes for a period of time. The temporary mail boxes are usually placed on the next block over from where construction is occurring.

If temporary mailboxes are needed, a written notice will be delivered to affected properties before the mail delivery locations change.

**Q8. What happens to garbage service during construction?**

Residents should put their garbage out as usual during construction.

The Contractor will coordinate with the garbage haulers. Efforts will be made to allow the haulers to collect as usual. However, if there is a day when the route is not accessible, the Contractor would move the containers to a location where they can be collected, then the Contractor would return the containers to each property.

**Q9. Do I need to do anything before construction starts?**

If you have any personal property, such as landscaping, plants, rocks, timbers, etc., within a few feet of the existing pavement or sidewalk, and you would like to save that property, you should remove it prior to the start of construction.

Anything still in place when the work occurs will be removed by the Contractor and will be disposed. If you have questions about a specific item or property, please contact one of the individuals listed in Q11 below.

**Q10. What will happen to the trees?**

Most trees along the boulevard will need to be removed to allow the construction. Factors such as long-term health of the trees, public safety, utility locations, and impacts of the trees on the newly constructed utilities, sidewalks and streets are considered when deciding whether a tree needs to be removed. Those trees that can be preserved during construction will be where it is practical.

**Q11. Who do I call during construction and where can I get construction updates?**

The city and county will have project representatives on-site daily during construction. Their contact information is listed below. These individuals should be the first call for questions.

**City of Two Harbors**

Adam Nix

Cell phone: 218-830-0512

Email: [adam.nix@bolton-menk.com](mailto:adam.nix@bolton-menk.com)

**Lake County**

John Schlangen

Cell phone 218-343-3875

Email: [john.schlangen@co.lake.mn.us](mailto:john.schlangen@co.lake.mn.us)

You can also call City Hall at 218-834-5631 or the Lake County Highway Department at 218-834-8380 during regular business hours.

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project information will also be available through the following:

- City website: [http://www.twoharborsmn.gov/2021-2022\\_street\\_project/index.php](http://www.twoharborsmn.gov/2021-2022_street_project/index.php)
- County website: <https://www.co.lake.mn.us/highway/construction-projects/>
- Project website: <https://clients.bolton-menk.com/lakecountycsah30/>
- City and County Facebook pages

**FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911.**

We understand this project may cause some inconvenience to you. Your patience and understanding is appreciated! Through communication and cooperation hopefully the project will go smoothly!

**City of Two Harbors, Minnesota  
Lake County, Minnesota  
Meeting Notice  
2021-2022 Street Improvements**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021, subd. 1, there will be a special meeting of the Two Harbors City Council at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, for the purpose of conducting an informational meeting to review the schedule and other items related to the 2021-2022 Street Improvement Project being undertaken jointly by Lake County and the City of Two Harbors. Any or all members of the City Council may potentially attend such meeting by Zoom Video Conference. Representatives from the County, City, and the Project Contractor will be in attendance. Project plans and impacts on individual properties will be reviewed. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom electronic video conference.

Additionally, the presence of the public at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 health pandemic/emergency declaration, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021, subd. 1(3).

Members of the public can participate in the meeting by joining the electronic video conference at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86933916463?pwd=d1UwenUzQVNJMmgrS1I0SVNmQnd4dz09>

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or by submitting comments in writing to: Two Harbors City Council, 522 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Two Harbors MN 55616 or via email: [info@twoharborsmn.gov](mailto:info@twoharborsmn.gov) . Comments must be received prior to 1 PM on the day of the meeting.

Dan Walker, City Administrator

Dated: April 19, 2021