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2024 Street Improvement Project

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Construction schedule:

Anticipated Start: Week of June 10, 2024
Finish: End of August

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Information is be posted on the City of Orono’s website (<https://www.ci.orono.mn.us/>).

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Kristina Brierley at the phone number or email address listed above.

Overview

The City of Orono has prepared plans for the 2024 Street Improvements Project. The project includes milling, reclaiming, and paving Orchard Park Road, Willow Drive between Fox Street and Brown Road, Partenwood Road, and Partenwood Lane. Concrete curb and gutter will be placed along some of Partenwood Road.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received in March, and the project was awarded to GMH Asphalt Corporation on March 18, 2024.

GMH Asphalt is currently scheduled to begin work on or after June 10. The plan is to start with the milling and reclaiming all roads. Concrete curb and gutter will be placed and cured along Partenwood Road. Once the concrete has cured, the contractor will be around to shape each road and pave the non-wear (base) course. A few weeks later the wearing (top) course will be placed. All work and timelines are based on the weather and subcontract availability.

Notices will be provided to residents before major construction activities will occur. Residents can also find weekly updates on Orono’s city website.

The contract completion date for most of the work is August 25.

During construction, the roads will remain open to local traffic.

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Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded.



Private Utilities

Michels Pipeline and CenterPoint Energy have already been working in the area to relocate the gas lines. This work is not under the direction or supervision of the City. We understand that this work has resulted in some rather disruptive and messy conditions, and ask that you please be patient as the various contractors work to complete their individual portion of the improvements.



Sprinklers, Underground Fencing, and Landscaping

Property owners are asked to mark all sprinkler heads and underground fencing located in the right-of-way prior to construction. If you are unsure about how to mark your sprinklers, please reach out to our project staff for assistance. Most landscaping within the right-of-way will be removed as part of the construction. The contractor will be able to salvage minor landscape items such as landscape rock and mulch. We also ask that the property owners salvage and relocate all landscaping that they want saved from the right-of way prior to construction. Please let us know if you have questions related to items in the right of way.



Garbage and Mail

Put your garbage and recycling containers at the end of your driveway on pick up day just as you normally would. It is the contactors responsibility to make sure you have uninterrupted service. We ask that you put your address on your containers. Some days the contractor will need to move the containers to a central pickup location. If we miss you on pickup day, please call one of the numbers provided in this memo and we will take care of it.



Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. A method called “hydro-seeding” will be used. The seed will be maintained by the contractor until acceptance. “Maintain” as defined in the contract includes, weed control and watering.

After that period, it becomes the property owner’s responsibility to maintain the new turf as part of their lawn – providing water, mowing and other necessary care. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new turf. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new turf shorter than 3”.