

2nd Street SE Reconstruction Project Newsletter

August 25, 2022

Construction schedule:

Substantial Completion: Fall
2022
Final Pavement: By Mid-June
2023

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Overview

The City of Willmar is nearing completion of the improvements for the city streets and utilities on 2nd Street SE. Sanitary Sewer improvements, water system improvements, storm sewer improvements, and concrete improvements are completed.

Project Timeline

The following is a tentative schedule for the remaining construction:

- August 24 to August 26: Final tolerancing of the gravel base in preparation for paving.
- August 26: Installation of asphalt base course pavement. 2nd Street SE will be closed to traffic during paving, but cars will be allowed on the new pavement the afternoon following paving.
- The final pavement course is scheduled to be installed in 2023. Delaying the installation of the final pavement course allows for the correction of potential settlements that may occur during the winter and spring.
- Until the final course of asphalt pavement is installed, there will be a vertical gap at the concrete curb lip and the asphalt base course. At the low points in the project area, this will likely prohibit water from entering the catch basins and result in “standing water” within the street. This is expected and the installation of the final course of asphalt pavement will provide drainage of these areas into the storm sewer system.
- All sump pump services will be examined to confirm they are in working order. All service lines found to be broken will be repaired prior to surface restorations.
- Grading and placement of topsoil will begin once all sump pump services are confirmed to be operational. All turf areas disturbed due to the project will be restored with topsoil and seed.
- Topsoil will be seeded using a spray on hydraulic matrix that includes grass seed, fertilizer, and a soil stabilizer to help minimize erosion. Residents are urged to stay off the seeded areas and to water the areas.

In the interest of safety, the streets will be closed to non-local traffic during the remainder of construction. As construction continues there will be periods of time where access to your driveway will be limited. At the end of the day, the street will be open so that residents can access their driveways. If construction is delayed due to inclement weather, assume it will proceed the following day.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact any of the people listed on the left side of this page. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation with this improvement project.