

Street Improvement Project Technology Drive Newsletter

June 2025

Construction schedule:

Start: July 14, 2025
Finish: September 2025

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Overview

The City of Willmar is undertaking a construction project to improve Technology Drive NE through the MinnWest Technology Campus. The attached plan sheet shows the project location and phasing plan for the planned improvements. The project includes the full depth reclamation of the asphalt pavement and road section, spot repair of curb and gutter, spot repair of storm sewer, and asphalt paving.



Project Timeline

Construction on Technology Drive NE is planned to start the week of July 14, 2025 and be completed by early September 2025.

Order of Construction

- Traffic Control
- Erosion Control
- Reclaim Technology Drive
- Excavation of the Subgrade to Make Room for Thicker Base Section
- Install Salvaged Reclaim Material
- Spot Concrete Removals
- Storm Sewer Repairs
- Concrete Placement (7 day cure time)
- Install New Aggregate Base Material
- Final Grading of New Road Base Section
- Install Base Course of Asphalt Pavement
- Raise Water Valves & Manhole Castings in Pavement
- Install Top Course of Asphalt Pavement
- Topsoil/Seeding

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Definitions/FAQ's

Full Depth Reclamation – Grinding of the existing asphalt pavement and aggregate base together to create a recycled aggregate material known as “reclaim.” The reclaim material will be salvaged and a portion of the subgrade will be excavated to make room for a thicker aggregate base section. The salvaged reclaim material will be installed and will be capped with new aggregate base, which will be shaped, compacted, and new bituminous pavement will be constructed.

Spot Concrete Removal and Replacement – Curb and gutter is planned to be replaced in isolated locations where it is a safety concern or is structurally compromised. If the curb and gutter spot repair locations are adjacent to driveway aprons, it is likely that a portion of the driveway aprons will need to be replaced. Replacement areas will be marked with pink paint prior to removal.

Will standing water in the street be corrected with the project? – Standing water within the asphalt pavement will likely be corrected with this project. Water within the curb and gutter may not be corrected. The improvement is a street rehabilitation project and is not intended to correct all drainage and surface deficiencies but instead improve the driving surface and extend the life of the street.



Access

Vehicle access within the project area will be difficult at times. To reduce the impact on you, the project area has been divided into phases. Once Technology Drive has been reclaimed, traffic will be able to drive on the reclaimed surface until excavation operations begin. The street will temporarily be restored to a drivable surface after the new base material is installed, prior to the pavement installation. The section of road being worked on will be navigable periodically during construction; however, there will be periods of time when vehicle access will not be possible, and you will need to park on a street or parking lot that is not in the construction limits and walk to your destination. If any spot curb and gutter, driveway, or sidewalk repairs are required at the business approaches to Technology Drive (it will be marked with pink paint if it is being replaced). After the concrete is replaced in these areas, you will not be able to drive over the new concrete for a period of 7 days to allow the concrete to build enough strength to be driven on. When paving begins, you should be able to drive on the new pavement surface in the evening of the installation, however we recommend gradual turns on the pavement surface as to not cause damage to the pavement. When the second lift of paving occurs, the contractor will spray a black binder material called “tack” on the first lift of pavement just prior to the installation of the second lift of pavement. We recommend not driving on the tack, as it is difficult to remove from vehicles.



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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 times are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area.



Contacts

Moving forward, most project updates will be provided electronically on the City of Willmar's Construction Project Website, www.WillmarConstruction.com and the App "My Willmar, MN". Please sign up for email and text message updates on the project website and/or app. If special access accommodations to business's are needed or if you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the Resident Project Representative Nate Thein 320-979-9070 / Nate.Thein@bolton-menk.com or any of the people listed on the left side of the front of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this improvement project.

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