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Residents and Project Stakeholders:

The project team would like to thank you again for your patience during construction. **Expect continued disruption from your normal day to day routine in the coming weeks.** Feel free to continue to contact SEH with any questions or concerns regarding the project. We hope to respond in a timely manner. However, when more than one team member needs to be consulted, it may take a little longer to provide you with accurate up-to-date information.

Just a reminder that Jeff Supan, SEH's Field Representative, is on-site during active construction to observe project progress. He is the fastest link to problem solving because he communicates directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Jeff at 320.250.3381 with any questions you may have. If you are unable to reach Jeff in the field, please contact Scott Hedlund at 612.865.3509 in the SEH office.

Please pass along this update to others in your home or adjacent residents and encourage them to provide email address to me to get added to this distribution list.

Recent Project Work:

Earlier this month all project underground work was completed along with paving on 7th Street South and areas south (**Phase 1**). This week the Contractor completed final road grading and initial placement of aggregate base on 6th Street South and on 2nd Avenue South between 6th and 7th Street South (**Phase 2**). Street light bases were also drilled and poured with concrete this week.

There has been concurrent ongoing private utility relocation and upgrade work – primarily by **Xcel Energy natural gas crews** working on directional drilling a new underground pipeline crossing of Benton Drive and the railroad tracks east of 2nd Avenue South over the last several weeks. Their work is taking longer than expected. Xcel has temporarily pulled out but intends to be **back in to resume directional drilling operations in November**. The City does not control the activities and operations of the private utility companies.

Project Schedule/ Upcoming Work:

The City Contractor's tentative schedule for the coming weeks, subject to change and the weather, includes:

- Week of October 14th:
 - Bituminous driveway paving on 7th Street South and to the south (Phase 1) is planned for October 15th.
 - Concrete curb & gutter and driveway apron installation on 6th Street South and on 2nd Avenue South between 6th and 7th Street South (Phase 2) is planned for October 17th & 18th, along with sidewalk work in Phase 1. (See the additional information below about temporary access and parking restrictions during concrete work).
- Week of October 21st:
 - Backfilling behind curbs and along sidewalks.
 - Final grading of aggregate base in preparation for street paving on Phase 2.
- Week of October 28th:

- **Bituminous first lift street paving on Phase 2 is planned for October 28th.**
 - Placement of temporary bituminous wedges adjacent to the concrete curb edges in preparation for snowplowing season.
 - Topsoil placement.
 - Miscellaneous concrete flatwork (sidewalks, driveways, etc) throughout the project as necessary.
- November:
 - Turf restoration activities including dormant seeding.
 - Signing and striping.
 - Open the roadways to all traffic (specific date to be determined).

Please remember that construction schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, private utilities, or other unforeseen events.

The 2nd Avenue South Railroad Crossing is anticipated to remain closed into November pending completion of Xcel's work, and until all signing and striping has been installed. The posted detour route will remain in place during this time.

There will be City construction work in 2025 which will include final lift bituminous street paving and final striping of the roadways which is planned to occur in June, and monitoring turf establishment.

Seeding and Turf Establishment:

The Contractor will soon begin the process of restoring turf to areas of the project disturbed by the City's construction project. The current plan is to dormant seed the project once the forecasted daily high temperatures stay below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The Contractor will monitor growth and address erosion issues into the spring of 2025, or until turf is established. Your effort in helping to care for your new lawn next spring will be essential to having it look its best.

Grass seed requires moisture to germinate. Based on the time of year now, don't want the seed to germinate until next spring. In the springtime of year, there is typically an adequate amount of moisture in the soil to accommodate germination without the need for additional watering. However, if you observe the area beginning to dry out then, we recommend lightly watering the grass seed to help with the process. Do not water the area within the first week of the spring growing season as this can wash away the seed and could result in poor or uneven turf establishment.

Keep all traffic out of the seeded area during the establishment period, and do not mow the new grass until it lays over and mats down when wetted or the new grass goes to seed.

24-hour Emergency Contact:

If you need assistance related to access or other construction related problems, the primary contact from **LaTour Construction is Steve LaTour, phone number (612)-366-6023.**

Access Limited in Areas of Concrete Work and During Paving Operations:

Active road and driveway building will temporarily restrict access for some residents. When crews are working on your street or driveway, the intent is for vehicles to be able to leave in the early morning, and return in the evening, but access restrictions during the daytime working hours may occur. Project staff will coordinate with residents to alert them of access restrictions.

Your driveway and or one end of your alley will not be vehicle-accessible when concrete curbs and driveway/alley aprons are being poured and curing. Concrete can take up to 7 days to properly cure prior to driving a vehicle on it. Property owners with driveways fronting streets currently under construction will need to park on side streets or alleys outside of the project area during this time.

Please continue to refrain from on-street parking within the project limits during daylight hours until further notice.

Work Zones:

Notice on Construction Zone Activities:

- Road work signs or other temporary signage will be installed throughout the project areas to warn motorists and protect workers during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs. Please exercise caution as you navigate the work zones.

Project Website:

Please note the link below, which includes information about the project.

Link: <https://www.sehinc.com/2ndavesouth>

Thank you,

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