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Residents and Project Stakeholders:

The project team would like to thank you 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:

The underground pipe work on **Phase 1 of the project (consisting of areas south of 6th Street South)** is substantially complete. Those properties that were on temporary water have now been permanently reconnected to the City water system. Road building work has started on Phase 1 consisting of final grading and placement of aggregate base. There has also been concurrent ongoing private utility relocation and upgrade work (electric, gas, communication).

Project Schedule/ Upcoming Work:

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

- August 29th - September 6th:
 - Continuing road grading and placement of aggregate base materials on Phase 1.
 - **Start concrete curb & gutter installation on Phase 1 on or about September 4th** (See the additional information below about temporary access and parking restrictions during concrete work).
- Week of September 9th:
 - Continue with concrete flat work (curb & gutter, driveway aprons, alley aprons) on Phase 1.
 - **The 2nd Avenue South Railroad Crossing will be closed starting Monday, September 9th through mid-October.** There will be a posted detour route during this time.
 - **Phase 2 (6th Street South from 2nd to Broadway Avenue South)** street pavement removals will begin followed by connecting individual homes to temporary water lines, and beginning underground utility installation (sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer).
 - **Excel Energy's contractor Q3** is scheduled to **directional drill a new natural gas main under Benton Drive and the railroad tracks along the east side of 2nd Avenue South**

beginning September 9th for multiple days. Their crews have started staging materials and equipment for this work now on 2nd Avenue South north of Benton Drive. During the drilling operations contractor and railroad crews will be staged in the 6th Street South/ 2nd Avenue South intersection area and both sides of Benton Drive.

- Week of September 16th:
 - Concrete work Phase 1
 - Finishing underground utility work in Phase 2
 - Start road building (grading and aggregate base placement) in Phase 2.
- Week of September 23rd:
 - Fine grading aggregate base and paving in Phase 1
 - Concrete work.
 - Street lighting bases and conduits.

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

Temporary Water Hookups to homes:

The Contractor will be coordinating with individual homeowners to hook up temporary water service **in Phase 2**. In order to build the new water main, the contractor will need to shut off the existing water system. As a result of this disconnect, the Contractor will be supplying you with an above-ground, temporary water service that will be in place throughout construction. After installation of the new water main, the contractor will remove your temporary service and reconnect you to the new pipe.

Water Service Interruptions Expected:

The Contractor is expected to be completing work within the project areas that will require the existing watermain in and around the project area to be turned off. Notices will be provided to the users that will be impacted, noting the date and duration of impact to your water service. The work is expected to occur the weeks of September 9th and 16th.

24-hour Emergency Contact:

The upcoming deep utility work in the construction zone may cause concerns related to the driving surface. If you need assistance related to access or have problems with traversing through the project area, the primary contact from **LaTour Construction is Steve LaTour, phone number (612)-366-6023**.

Access Limited in Areas of Utility and Concrete Work:

The deep utility work restricts access for residents throughout the project area. When crews are working on your street, 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 outside of the project area during this time.

Please continue to refrain from on-street parking within the project limits 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>

Have a happy and safe Labor Day!

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