



August 25, 2025

RE: Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 2026 2nd Avenue South Improvements Project Update- Private Utility Work SEH No. SAUKR 176402 14.00 SP No. 191-104-008; SAP No. 191-118-001

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Sauk Rapids is continuing to plan for a roadway and municipal utility reconstruction project next summer along 2nd Avenue South and surrounding streets. The project is currently nearing the end of the design phase. The City, working with their City Attorney firm Rinke-Noonan, has begun the easement acquisition process with early notification letters being sent out in July. Public bidding of the construction contract is planned for early 2026. Roadway construction and construction of City-owned utilities is expected to begin in May 2026. Further notifications will be provided to residents in this area prior to the roadway construction beginning.

There is considerable private utility work planned in conjunction with this project, which includes work on overhead electrical lines and underground natural gas lines in and around the project area. Any service interruptions will be communicated by each utility. A map is attached to identify the work areas. **You are being notified because the proposed private utility work may affect your property**. This private utility work may start as early as this fall and winter. Xcel Gas has indicated they intend to start in September. Xcel Electric has indicated they intend to start in early winter 2026.

If you have questions related to this work, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

Scott Hedlund (City Engineer/Project Manager), Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

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2026 2nd Avenue South Improvements - Project Website

Project details are provided on the project website: https://www.sehinc.com/2026secondavesouth

If you have any questions in general regarding the City of Sauk Rapids 2026 2nd Avenue South Improvements project, please contact Scott Hedlund at 612.865.3509 or shedlund@sehinc.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Project Location Map c: Ross Olson, City of Sauk Rapids

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