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Residents and Project Stakeholders:

This is the 6th email update for the 2026 2nd Avenue South project. The intent of the updates is to notify residents and other interested parties of recent and upcoming work, and to provide relevant details related to the construction activity. We ask that you pass this information on to others in your home or adjacent residents and encourage them to provide email address to mblommel@sehinc.com to get added to this distribution list. Prior updates and other information can be found on the project website:

Link: <https://www.sehinc.com/2026secondavesouth>

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 contact a member of the SEH team for general project information. Additional contacts are provided below and on the project website should you have an issue with access or other items that need immediate attention.

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.

Recent Project Work:

Work completed since the last update:

- Utility construction (installation of sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer) is complete.
- All the concrete curb is in, much of the concrete flat work (sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc) is complete south of 13th St So
- Final street grading and placement of class 5 aggregate base, and grading in preparation for sidewalk is nearly complete on the remaining portions of the project.
- Miscellaneous minor paving has occurred in areas where first lift paving has already occurred.
- The electrical subcontractor has been installing street lighting conduits and pouring the concrete bases.
- Topsoil has been starting to get placed in areas where concrete and first lift paving is complete.

Project Schedule/ Upcoming Work:

The Contractor's tentative schedule for upcoming work, subject to change, includes:

- The contractor will be finishing up final tolerancing on the street aggregate base this week ahead of first lift paving next week.
- First lift bituminous paving work on the remaining portions of the project is planned for October 12th, subject to change.
- The next concrete flat work pour is scheduled for October 13th, subject to change and the weather. There will be ongoing concrete work in the coming weeks on the remainder of the project as well. **Expect temporary driveway access restrictions once this concrete work begins – see below.**

- After paving, crews will be “raising iron” (i.e. raising manhole and valve castings to the surface and bituminous patching around them).
- Bituminous driveway paving and ramping of curb edges the last two weeks of October.
- Ongoing street lighting work on 2nd Ave So.
- Ongoing topsoiling in areas where concrete and first lift bituminous paving is complete.
- Seeding work is planned to begin the week of October 26th.
- Permanent signing and temporary pavement marking work is planned for early November.
- **Sanitary sewer mainline and service lining work** in the alley between 2nd Avenue South and Broadway Avenue South from Searle St NE to 9th Street South is planned to begin the week of October 26th. **Properties directly affected** by the sewer lining work **will receive separate notification from the contractor ahead of that work starting**. During this time construction vehicles, materials, and equipment will be parked on side street intersections.
- Final (top) lift paving on 2nd Ave So and the side streets is planned for spring/early summer 2027.
- Stage 2 construction on the 2nd Ave So railroad crossing (separate City project) which includes the closure of 2nd Ave So between Benton Drive and 6th St So, and lane restrictions on Benton Drive, for street, sidewalk, water main, and railroad crossing work is ongoing and will continue through October, subject to change. The water main work is complete. This week BNSF crews have been working on upgrading the track and concrete crossing surface. Street and sidewalk concrete work starts the week of October 12th with paving planned for the week of October 19th, subject to change and the weather.

24-hour Emergency Contact (construction related):

If you need assistance related to access or have problems with traversing through the project area, the primary contact from C&L Excavating, Inc is Jessica Funt-Schustak, phone number (320)-472-0973.

Access Limited in Areas of Concrete and Paving Work:

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 to driveways fronting project streets during the daytime working hours may occur. Access on at least one end of alleys will be maintained. Project staff will coordinate with residents to alert them of access restrictions. There will also be temporary (several hour stretch) restrictions at side street intersections with the alleys between 2nd and Broadway Avenue South between Searle Street NE and 9th Street South during sewer lining work in the alleys. Sewer lining is a moving operation that won't be starting until first lift street paving is complete.

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.

Seeding and Turf Establishment:

The Contractor is planning to begin the process of restoring turf to remaining areas of the project disturbed by the City's construction project in October. The Contractor will monitor growth and address erosion issues into the spring of 2027, or until turf is established.

School Bus Routing Impacts:

We have been communicating with the School District. They are aware of the project schedule. The School District will communicate any temporary bus routing and stop changes for this fall to impacted families directly.

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.

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Thank you,

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