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Residents and Project Stakeholders:

This is the second 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.

The project team consists of the City of Sauk Rapids, SEH, and C&L Excavating, Inc. SEH is the engineering firm that serves as the City Engineer for the City of Sauk Rapids and will serve as the contact between the contractors and residents/property owners. Please 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. (In Scott's absence please contact Jarod Griffith - SEH 218.849.0539 or jgriffith@sehinc.com).

Recent Project Work:

C&L Excavating crews have primarily been focusing on utility construction (installation of sanitary sewer, watermains, and storm sewer) on 9th St So. They have also set up temporary water systems on 9th Street South and the southerly portion of the project (2nd Ave So Phase A) that includes 13th St So, 14th St So, and 2nd Ave So from just north of 13th St So to Searle St NE. Xcel Energy gas and electric, and Charter Spectrum crews have been continuing working on relocations and upgrades to their facilities, and removals of their old facilities. BNSF Railway crews have started work on the 9th St So railroad crossing new pedestrian signals for the new sidewalk crossing. Molitor Excavating Inc crews have been working on lead water service line replacements between the curb stop at the property line and water meter in the house under a separate project at targeted residences within the 2nd Ave So project area

Project Schedule/ Upcoming Work:

The Contractor's tentative schedule for upcoming work includes:

- Utility construction on 2nd Ave So Phase A area generally working northward.
- Road building (including concrete curb, sidewalk, and driveways – see below) on 9th St So. Initially staying away from the tracks and then returning to finish road work near the tracks scheduling around BNSF work and railroad flagging availability.
- BNSF Railway crews working at the 9th St So railroad crossing extending the concrete crossing surface and adding pedestrian signals for the new sidewalk crossing of the tracks.

- Xcel Energy gas and electric, and Charter Spectrum crews finishing their work throughout the project area (any service interruptions will be communicated directly from Xcel or Charter Spectrum).
- Gas Main removals along 2nd Avenue So by Xcel Energy's subcontractor Q3.
- Molitor Excavating Inc crews will continue lead water service line replacement work (you will receive direct communication from Molitor if you are part of that project).

Temporary Water Hookups to homes:

The Contractor will be coordinating with individual homeowners to hook up temporary water service. 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 watermains 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 June 22nd and 29th.

24-hour Emergency Contact (construction related):

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 C&L Excavating, Inc is Jessica Funt-Schustak, phone number (320)-472-0973.

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 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.

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/2026secondavesouth>

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July Holiday!

Thank you,

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