

Good Afternoon!

March 16, 2012

Nicollet Ave reconstruction project weekly update.

1. **Minneapolis Water** began to replace gate valves on the water mains in late February. This work requires for the water to be shut off to businesses and residences at least one night and possibly a second. The City will perform this work in segments, starting on 36th St and working north. Businesses will receive at least 48 hours of notice in advance of the proposed shut off.
 - a. There will be valve replaced on 33rd St, resulting in a water shut-off affecting the area of 33rd St from Pleasant to Nicollet, this is scheduled to occur on the night of March 20. This was a maintenance issue that was discovered when working on Section 3 as shown in the attached map.
 - b. Section 2 will have its second shut-off the week of March 26th.
2. **Center Point Energy** will replace the gas main. They have completed their design plans and submitted that to the city for a permit. Their target start date is April 9th or the following week. This will cause a disruption in gas service when they are making new service connections. Center Point will coordinate service disruptions directly with their customers. We will share additional information as it's available.
3. **Centurylink/Qwest** has determined that they will need to rebuild their manholes along the avenue. (The existing manholes are brick structures built in the early 1900's.) They have a target start date of March 28th. They will typically work on no more than 2 manholes at a time and it's anticipated that it will take approximately 2 weeks to complete each location. They will begin work on the north end and work south. Work will result in minor parking restrictions, but no service interruptions are anticipated as a result of this work. They will also be adding a conduit to their duct bank and making location adjustments during the paving work. We will share additional information on this as it's available.
4. **Xcel Energy** will have minimal work along the corridor. There are a few power poles to relocate that provide power to the traffic signals.
5. **Comcast** has not indicated any work needed along the corridor.
6. **Bids for the construction project have been opened.** We are in the process of approving a contractor.
7. **Upcoming Construction Schedule:**
 - March 28 – Project Steering Committee Meeting
 - April – Community Project Kick-off meeting
 - May – Construction begins at Lake Street to 32nd St.

Thanks everyone for your continued time and interest on this project.

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