

March 30, 2012

Good Morning!

Nicollet Ave reconstruction project weekly update.

1. **Minneapolis Water** began to replace gate valves on the water mains in late February.
  - a. The work near 35<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet will be completed today.
  - b. The work on the valves affecting the area from Lake Street to 32<sup>nd</sup> has not been scheduled. The valves in the area will be tested to determine if replacement is needed.
2. **Center Point Energy** will replace the gas main. They have completed their design plans and submitted a permit request to the city. Their target start date is April 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 and updates on schedules and parking impacts as it's available.
3. **Centurylink/Qwest** has determined that they will need to rebuild their manholes along the avenue, they have submitted information and a permit request to the city for approval. (The existing manholes are brick structures built in the early 1900's.) Anticipate work to begin in early April. 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 and updates on schedules and parking impacts 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 and the bid has been awarded by the City Council. We expect the construction contract to be signed by the end of April.
7. **Upcoming Construction Schedule:**

April 18 – Community Project Kick-off meeting (morning and evening meetings will be held at Martin Luther King Park)- future information to follow  
Construction expected to start early May  
Proposed Phasing:  
May/June – Construction area – Lake Street to 32<sup>nd</sup> St.  
July/August – Construction area – 32<sup>nd</sup> St and 35<sup>th</sup> St  
Sept/Oct – Construction area – 35<sup>th</sup> St and 36<sup>th</sup> St
8. **Regular stakeholder meetings** will be scheduled during the construction process, dates have not been set yet.

If you have questions regarding the project please contact me at [beverly.warmka@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:beverly.warmka@minneapolismn.gov) or 612-673-3762

Additional information can be found on the project website at  
[http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/all/cip\\_nicollet31-40\\_index](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/all/cip_nicollet31-40_index)

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

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