

April 6, 2012

Good Morning!

Nicollet Ave reconstruction project weekly update.

Minneapolis Water began to replace gate valves on the water mains in late February. Water shutoffs are typically done between the hours of 11pm and 5am to minimize impacts. Affected properties will be notified in advance of the shut-offs (a minimum of 48 hours for businesses).

1. The work on the valves affecting the area from Lake Street to 32nd has not been scheduled. The valves in the area will be tested to determine if replacement is needed. We will share additional information and updates on schedules and parking impacts as it's available.
2. The valve near 33rd and Nicollet (affects water service on 33rd St from Pleasant Ave to 1st Ave) will need to be replaced and that work has not yet been scheduled. We will share additional information and updates on schedules and parking impacts as it's available.

Center Point Energy will replace the gas main. Their work is scheduled to begin early the week of April 9th. 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.

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.

Xcel Energy will have minimal work along the corridor. There are a few power poles to relocate that provide power to the traffic signals.

Comcast has not indicated any work needed along the corridor.

Contractor bids for the construction project have been opened awarded by the City Council. the contract is currently being drafted and we expect it to be in place by the end of April.

Upcoming Construction Schedule:

April 18 – Community Project Kick-off meeting (9:30 am and 6:30 pm meetings will be held at Martin Luther King Park)- the attached flyer has been mailed to residents and property owners along Nicollet Avenue between Lake Street and 40th Street.

Major construction expected to start early May. Minneapolis traffic will begin work on temporary street lighting and traffic signals prior to the major construction activities.

Proposed Phasing:

May/June – Construction area – Lake Street to 32nd St.

July/August – Construction area – 32nd St and 35th St

Sept/Oct – Construction area – 35th St and 36th St

Areas not under construction will be open to traffic and local access will be maintained through the construction zone.

Regular stakeholder meetings will be scheduled during the construction process, dates and locations have not been set yet.

If you have questions regarding the project please contact me at 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

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

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