July 31, 2012

Good Afternoon,

Thomas and Sons will be continuing with pavement removals between 34th St and 32nd S. They are scheduled to begin installation of new storm main tomorrow, starting at 35th St and working north.

The intersections of 32nd, 33rd, and 34th will be closed. They will minimize the parking restrictions as much as possible outside of the construction zone. The restrictions are necessary to allow for equipment maneuvering and to maintain safety for the public as well as the construction workers. All businesses will be open.

Minneapolis Water is in the process of reconnecting customers to the water main and removing the temporary hoses and piping.

Minneapolis Traffic is working on the signal foundations at 35th and Nicollet, and will be working on the permanent signal at 31st and Nicollet.

Century Link is working on a manhole at 36th St. They are also working on repair work at 34th St and Nicollet.

A few questions in the Phase 1 area…

When will the last layer of asphalt be put down? The last lift/layer of asphalt will be done at the same time for all 3 of the 2012 phases. This will occur late in the 2012 construction season.

When will the trees get planted? Minneapolis Park Board intends to plant all the trees in the 2012 Phase 1 project area at the same time. Tree planting is typically in the spring and fall and after the construction is completed, this means the trees in the Phase 1 area will likely be planted next spring.

When will the grass/sod boulevards get planted? These will also get planted in the fall.

When will the street lights be done? Minneapolis Traffic has been installing the wiring, poles, and fixtures for the new street lighting system. Additional fixtures have been ordered, they will be installed when they are received.

Special Note:

Erik Hansen is on vacation and will be returning August 6th. Beverly Warmka will be on vacation starting August 3rd and returning Aug 20th. Please contact Bob Schmidt, during this time if you have questions or concerns regarding the project.

PROJECT CONTACTS

On-site project inspector Bob Schmidt 651-308-3805- Call Bob if you have immediate issues on the project

Project Engineer Beverly Warmka 612-673-3762- Call Bev if you have general questions regarding the project

Project business liaison Erik Hansen 612-673-5022- Call Erik if you have questions relating to your business and the project

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Stakeholder construction updates

Public Works will hold stakeholder construction update meetings on Tuesdays at 11am at the Lyndale Neighborhood Association office, 3537 Nicollet Ave.

If you have any questions regarding the project, feel free to contact me, Beverly Warmka, Project Engineer at beverly.warmka@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3762

Additional information regarding the project can be found on the project website at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/all/cip_nicollet31-40_index

Information regarding business assistance during road construction information can be found at: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/business/WCMS1P-089716 or you may contact Erik Hansen, Project Business Liaison, at erik.hansen@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-5022.

For businesses who want to request "open for business" sign. Erik Hansen (612) 673-5022 can work directly with the businesses to address these needs. The City has relaxed signage restrictions and eliminated permits for Nicollet Ave businesses affect by construction.

You may subscribe to future emails at:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/subscriber/new?topic_id=MPLS_169

As always, thanks for your continued time and interest on this project.

Beverly Warmka, P.E.