

September 5, 2012

Good Afternoon,

Thomas and Sons has been pouring sidewalks between 34th and 35th Streets. They have also been working on the bus pads at 33rd and 32nd. They are scheduled to pave, with the first layer of asphalt, north of 34th St starting on Thursday. Friday and Monday they would be pouring the concrete curb and gutter, with more layers of asphalt later next week.

The intersections of 32nd, 33rd, and 34th are 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- has been flushing out the main, and should be doing the necessary testing. Following the testing the remainder of customers on the temporary main will be switched back to the permanent main, this may occur as early as the end of this week.

Minneapolis Traffic is working installing conduit behind the curb and foundations for signals and lighting as well as working on the permanent traffic signals.

Century Link should be completed with their work at 32nd St by the end of today. Their only remaining work for the 2012 construction year will be to install an additional conduit near their existing duct line in the phase 3 area concurrent with Thomas and Sons work.

PHASE 3 update

Currently we anticipate being about 2 weeks away from moving into the 3rd phase construction area (35th St to 36th St, including the intersection of 36th St). As with the other phases, I'll be setting up a phase 3 walk-around in the near future. I'll send updates when available.

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.

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.