

Good Afternoon,

**Thomas and Sons** is continuing work on Nicollet Avenue and forming and pouring sidewalks between 34<sup>th</sup> St and 35<sup>th</sup> St. The underground utility work is almost completed and the final grading can continue north. Paving north of 34<sup>th</sup> St could begin late next week.

The intersections of 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, and 34<sup>th</sup> 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**- the water main work is just about completed and Minneapolis Water will soon begin flushing out the main, doing the necessary testing. Following the testing the remainder of customers on the temporary main will be switched back to the permanent main.

**Minneapolis Traffic** is working installing conduit behind the curb and foundations for signals and lighting.

**Century Link** is wrapping up their work on their second manhole at 32<sup>nd</sup> St and installing additional conduit near their existing duct line.

**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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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.

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

***Beverly Warmka, P.E.***