



May 15, 2013

Good Afternoon,

MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN

Upcoming construction schedule

Thomas and Sons is finished with the pavement removal between 36th St and the north half of the intersection of 38th St. They are currently working on installing the new storm sewer and digging access holes for the water department's cleaning and lining work.

Late this week, early next week, Thomas and Sons will begin some of the road base grading work.

Businesses are open during construction and local access to business and residential driveways will be maintained. However, it will change based on the type and location of the work being done.

We will share any updates as they are available.

UP-COMING MEETINGS

Stakeholder construction updates

Public Works will hold construction update meetings. These meetings are to provide an opportunity to learn what is happening with the construction and share potential issues and concerns. At this point, meetings will be scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Thursday of May and June. We may adjust the frequency of the meetings based on needs and meeting attendance.

Where: Butter Bakery Café

3700 Nicollet Ave

When: 9:00 am

Dates: May 16, June 6, June 20

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

Proposed 2013 Phasing:

May/July – Construction area – south of 36th St to just south of 38th St

August/October – Construction area – south of 38th St to 40th St

OTHER CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Minneapolis Water will shut down the permanent water main between 36th and 38th Streets on Thursday, May 16th properties in that area will be on temporary water until the cleaning and lining work, and all other water main work, is completed in this segment . The cleaning and lining work is expected to start Monday May 20th. The schedule for this will be shared as it's available.

CenturyLink will begin to rebuild the manhole in the northeast corner of the intersection of 38th St and Nicollet tomorrow. They have also been installing a spare duct line, next to their existing ducts, for future use in the project area. More information will be shared as it's available.

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BUSINESS INFORMATION

"Open for business" signage

Businesses in the project area are allowed to place "Open for business" signs on their buildings or property without the requirement of permit.

Small Business financing programs

The City of Minneapolis offers a wide array of financial programs for small business support in an effort to help businesses develop and succeed throughout the city. The financing tool that Nicollet Avenue businesses may find most helpful during construction is the working capital guaranty program, where the City guarantees a portion of working capital financing. Businesses considering capital improvements before or after construction may be interested in the following.

Two-Percent Loans provide below-market rate financing to small Minneapolis businesses (retail, service or light manufacturing) to purchase equipment and/or to make building improvements. A private lender provides half the loan at market rate and the City provides the rest, up to \$50,000 at 2 percent interest. The private lender, often the business' usual bank, underwrites and services the loan.

Energy Efficiency Loan Program - provides financing in partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) for businesses making energy retrofits and energy efficiency improvements for commercial and industrial properties. These loans are less than \$75,000 and are paired with Xcel and Centerpoint Energy rebates. When the loan is repaid - typically in under three years - the energy cost savings reduce business operating expenses.

Contact Erik Hansen at 612-673-5022 or erik.hansen@minneapolismn.gov for more information.

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.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-102134>

You may subscribe to future emails at:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/subscriber/new?topic_id=MPLS_169

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

Beverly Warmka, P.E.