



August 15, 2013

Good Afternoon,

Thomas and Sons has completed raising manholes and they have started replacing sidewalks between 38th and 40th St, this work will continue into next week. Additional work remains such as restoring the boulevard and planting sod and placing the final layer of asphalt, the schedule for this work will be shared as it's available.

Minneapolis Traffic has been installing conduit behind the curbs and street light foundations between 38th and 40th.

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.

Please be mindful of the detour signage and road closures. Safety of the workers, neighbors, and those traveling through the area is important and we appreciate your patience during construction.

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.

Where: Butter Bakery Café

3700 Nicollet Ave

When: 9:00 am

Dates: September 5th

PROJECT CONTACTS

On-site project inspector Bob Anthony 612-210-2269- 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

OTHER CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Trees will be planted starting this fall for the Nicollet Ave project. Some of the varieties to be planted include: Maple, Hackberry, White Oak, Elm, and Linden.

Additional information will be shared as it's available.

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

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.

Other Construction Notes

The construction equipment is large and heavy and can be **extremely dangerous** if one is not alert around it. We urge you to stay at a safe distance at all times. Please, above all, impress upon your children not to go beyond the sidewalk at any time and to stay away from material piles and equipment parked on or near the job site. Please observe all posted detour routes and warning signs and arrange to park on side streets or on another block when work is under way in your immediate area.

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.