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Re: Winter Street NE Reconstruction Project

Dear Minneapolis Resident\Business:

The Winter St. NE reconstruction project is now substantially complete. All roads are now open for use. A punch list of items is being worked on to finalize this project with periodic work being conducted this fall and next spring. Seal coating of the roadway is scheduled for next year.

Please see the reverse for information regarding care for new boulevard turf and trees.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through the construction process. We hope you are enjoying the new road and that it serves you well. If you have questions about the project you can contact Chris Engelmann at 612-673-3274 or at [chris.engelmann@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:chris.engelmann@minneapolismn.gov).

Sincerely,

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As part of the recent reconstruction project, the boulevards were disturbed. Sod or seed was used to restore the turf in the project area. Although, this work was done by a contractor and was inspected to meet certain standards, the proper maintenance of the sod is the property owner's responsibility.

### **Suggestions for the care of your new sod/seed**

- 1. Sufficient and timely watering** is critical to new sod until the root system is fully established to withstand drought and still come back. This can take a full year at times. The areas with full sun may require more water than shaded areas. **It's important to not let the new sod dry out.**
- 2. Proper mowing:** A basic rule is to never remove more than 1/3 of the grass height during a single mowing. Example: Cut grass when it's 4" high and set the cutting height to 3". Allowing grass to grow to a height of 6" or more and cutting it very short can injure new sod to the extent it may die. This is especially harmful when watering is insufficient. During the mid-summer heat, a height of 3" is advisable.

**Trees are also a new addition to the boulevard. Minneapolis Park Board** will plant trees in the boulevard as appropriate. **Some of the varieties planted may include: Maple, Hackberry, White Oak, Elm, and Linden.**

### **Suggestions for the care of the new trees.**

- 1. Sufficient and timely watering.** Please remember to water the new boulevard trees. (As a general idea, during dry conditions, water trees with a slow stream of water once a week for an hour throughout the growing season.) Water bags might be available from the Park Board during the next growing season. Filling the bags with water would be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

(Note: Minneapolis Forestry is responsible for trimming boulevard trees.)

Thank you for your support in keeping the newly reconstructed streets beautiful, "green", and pedestrian friendly.