



2012 Street Reconstruction Project

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How was this project initiated?

A: On October 3, 2011, the Lakeville City Council authorized the preparation of a feasibility report for the 2012 Street Reconstruction Project. The roadways included within this project were selected as part of the City's Pavement Management Program. This program is used by the City to manage and extend the pavement life of our streets and select improvement projects in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Q: What work is proposed?

A: Street reconstruction and storm sewer improvements, along with complete curb and gutter replacement and spot sidewalk replacement. Water main replacement is also proposed within areas of the project that have experienced numerous breaks. A Project Location Map is attached, detailing the limits of the 2012 Street Reconstruction Project.

Q: When will this project occur?

A: Construction is anticipated to take place between June and November of 2012. Construction throughout the project area will be phased. More detailed schedule information will be made available to residents as the project moves through design and into construction.

Q: How much is this project going to cost me?

A: This project is proposed to be funded by the City's Street Capital Improvement Funds and Special Assessments to benefiting properties. The City's assessment policy is to assess 40% of the street and storm sewer improvements to the benefiting property owners. Assessments are calculated on a per unit basis, and will be \$4,162.36 per single family unit.

Q: Will I always have access to my driveway?

A: Residents will have access to their driveways for the majority of the construction project. However, if a concrete driveway or concrete curb and gutter are being replaced in front of your driveway, the City requires a 5-day minimum curing time with no disturbance to the concrete during this time. There also may be short periods during the day where a resident may not have access to his/her driveway due to roadway construction. Property owners will be provided as much advance notification as possible when access to driveways will be restricted.

Q: Where will I be able to pick up my mail? How will garbage service be affected?

A: Residents will be notified at the start of construction if removal of their mailbox is necessary to complete the work. If so, the contractor will install temporary mailboxes as determined by the Post Office and residents will be notified of their location. The existing mailbox will be salvaged until after construction and reinstalled in a similar location.

Trash pickup in the neighborhood will take place on the same day it currently occurs. The contractor will provide access to the neighborhood to garbage trucks for pickup, or coordinate with the disposal service providers during the occasional exception throughout the project to minimize inconvenience to the residents.

Q: Will the contractor work in front of my house on weekends?

A: The City of Lakeville has specified the following working hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Work on Saturdays is allowed with permission from the City Engineer. Saturday working hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The on-site construction observer will work to notify residents in advance if work is proposed to take place on a Saturday. No work is permitted on Sundays or Holidays.

Q: Will the areas of my lawn that are disturbed be replaced?

A: Sections of maintained lawn that need to be removed for construction will be restored with new sod at the end of the project. The contractor is responsible for watering the new sod for 30 calendar days following installation, after which it is the homeowner's responsibility. Please do not mow new sod with the rest of your lawn as this will kill it. All residents will receive mailings notifying them of the end dates of the contractor's sod maintenance period.

Q: How are landscaping features, invisible fences and lawn irrigation systems dealt with during construction?

A: The contractor is responsible for protecting, or replacing to their original condition if damaged, most items such as small retaining walls, landscape features, invisible fences or irrigation systems found in the homeowner's yard. For underground items such as invisible pet fences and irrigation lines, all homeowners are asked to make an effort to mark them so that the contractor can work around them and protect them as much as possible from damage.

Q: If it is necessary to remove a tree with construction, will it be replaced?

A: If a tree is located within the boulevard and must be removed due to its proximity to curb and gutter or sidewalk replacement, it will not be replaced as a part of the project, as current City practice does not support boulevard plantings within a local street right-of-way. If a tree must be removed in conjunction with a water service replacement, the tree will be replaced as a part of the project, in a located agreed upon by the City and the property owners, away from utility services.

Q: Where can I find additional project information?

A: Project information can be found on the City of Lakeville's web site at:

www.lakevillemn.gov

and then clicking on the "2012 Street Improvement Project" near the bottom of the "For Your Information" section of the homepage.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the project please contact the City's Public Works Department at 952-985-2700, or the Project Manager for the project, Monica Heil, at 763-287-7187.