



Construction Notes

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Project Overview: As you may know, the City of Newport is currently implementing a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to address sub-standard streets, water and sewer utilities. The 2017 projects will begin in late May and consist of a full street reconstruction including the addition of concrete curb, the replacement of utility mainline (water & sewer), the replacement of utility services, and the addition of storm sewer. The project areas include 10th Avenue south of 12th Street, 5th Avenue between 11th Street and 12th Street, and 11th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue (see figure below).



Waiver of Trespass: The City has observed a standard practice of replacing the private water and sanitary sewer service lines from the newly installed main to the property line as part of street improvement projects. This ensures the integrity of the service below the street improvements and thus reduces the chances of future repair work that would compromise the improvements. In order to make these connections at the property line, a small amount of grading work will need to take place on your property. In addition to this grading work, some of your driveway may be removed and replaced outside the right-of-way in order to create a reasonable transition between the new street elevation and your driveway. In rare instances, a tree or other item on private property may need to be removed. These items will be replaced but we would like your written consent to complete this work. Our project inspector, Kevin Burns, will be contacting you directly to meet in person to review any grading or removal work proposed on your property. Upon review, we request that you complete a waiver of trespass (template enclosed) for our records.

Tentative Schedule: At this time, the Contractor intends to begin work the week of May 22nd. The Contractor will start removing trees, installing the temporary watermain, and removing pavement during the first week. The utility installation crews are scheduled to arrive on site the week following Memorial Day to begin the excavation and placement of the water and sewer mains.

Traffic will be limited for short periods of time in the immediate area of the street project, but the Contractor is required to allow vehicular access up to your property. In locations where a deep excavation is needed for utility replacement, vehicular access may be limited for longer periods of time. The Contractor will make every effort to accommodate access, and all streets will be passable





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at the end of each working day. If you or someone you know requires special access consideration, please contact the City and we will be sure to alert the Contractor of your situation. The duration of the street improvements is expected to take about three to four months but, as always, the schedule and duration of work is weather dependent.

Safety: We urge you to use caution around the work site. Your assistance in reminding area children to stay clear of construction operations and especially the equipment is helpful in maintaining a safe environment.



Your patience and cooperation during this construction will be appreciated. The Contractor will be using traffic control, vehicle lighting, and other work practices to ensure the safety of everyone affected by this project, but if you feel they are lacking please contact us immediately. If there are any residents with special needs or who require specific accommodations, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Housekeeping

Garbage & Recycling Receptacles: Garbage hauling will be uninterrupted throughout the duration of the project. Regardless of the road condition be sure to bring your receptacles to the end of your driveway and **label your receptacle (lid and can) with your house number**. If the garbage truck is unable to access your driveway, the Contractor will move your receptacles to an accessible location and return them to your driveway at the end of the day. Note: Only receptacles will be moved; trash bags that are not inside receptacles will not be taken.

Mailboxes: The Contractor will be setting up temporary mailbox stations near 910 12th Street (Intersection of 12th Street and 9th Avenue) for the 10th Avenue Project and at 425 12th Street (Intersection of 4th Ave and 12th St.) for the 11th Street and 5th Avenue area. Mail service will begin at the temporary location when your mailbox is removed from the end of your driveway. It is expected that this will take place toward the end of the week of May 15th. The temporary mailbox terminal will be used until new mailboxes are installed at all residences throughout the project area.

Landscaping: If you have any landscaping or irrigation systems installed within the City's Right-of-Way, it is your responsibility to remove these items prior to the start of construction. The right-way is generally located 30-32 feet from the centerline of the gravel road. If you are unsure if you have property within the right-of-way, the Washington County Interactive GIS Map is a great resource for reference: <http://maps.co.washington.mn.us/WCGIS/> Damage to these items will be repaired at the property owner's expense.

Tree Trimming & Removal: Trees near the existing edge of pavement will need to be removed in order to construct/widen the street. In addition, some additional tree trimming may be necessary to allow for the utility installation.

Questions: The City staff is always willing and able to answer any questions you may have, now and during the reconstruction process. We appreciate your cooperation during construction and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.



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