

# 2005 Main Street Reconstruction Freeport, MN

# Project Update



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Hello and welcome to the Freeport 2005 Main Street Reconstruction Project Update. In this and upcoming issues of the Update, we will be updating you on the status of this project.

Our name is SEH (Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.), and we are the Consulting Engineering firm for the City of Freeport. We have been hired to prepare construction plans and specifications and to provide construction staking and observation for this project. We will also serve as the contact between the Contractors, the City of Freeport and residents in the project area. All questions should be directed to SEH.

## The Project

The project includes street reconstruction and utility extensions on Main Street from west of 3rd Avenue West to 7th Avenue East. In most of these areas, new streets, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main and sewer and water services will be installed.

## The People

The construction contract has been awarded to Tri-City Paving of Little Falls, Minnesota. Tri-City Paving has done numerous projects in Central Minnesota. There will also be numerous subcontractors working on this project.

April Bielejeski, SEH's Project Representative, will be on site to observe construction progress. April drives a blue Dodge pickup and will be accessible to answer your questions and receive comments. April should be the first person to contact if there is a question. April can be reached by telephone at 320.980.5212 (cell). If you are unable to reach April in the field, please contact Jim Schulz at the SEH office at 320.229.4343. Jim is the Project Manager for the project.

Terry Dobis is Tri-City Paving's Project Superintendent. Terry can be reached by telephone at 320.360.4859.

In an EMERGENCY related to this project, if the above people can't be reached, contact Jack Surma, at Tri-City Paving at 320.360.4849.

## Schedule

With the beginning of every construction project, there are always some issues that will come up. Please bear with us! Remember, patience is the biggest asset that each of you bring to the job. Just keep in mind the project WILL be completed and the Contractor is working as quickly as possible to complete the project.

The Contractor anticipates began work the week of May 30, 2005. This will involve installing the detour signing, removing the pavement from 2nd Avenue East to 7th Avenue East (Phases 1 through 4), and installing temporary services. The “real” work will begin as soon as Center Point Energy has relocated a gas main that needs to be moved for this project. This work is anticipated to begin the week of June 6, 2005. After removals are complete, the Contractor will begin to install the utilities starting at 7th Avenue East and continue in phases proceeding to the west.

### **The project will be completed sequentially in phases generally described as follows:**

- Phase 1: 7th Avenue Northeast to 5th Avenue Northeast
- Phase 2: 5th Avenue Northeast to 530 feet west of 5th Avenue
- Phase 3: 530 feet west of 5th Avenue to 3rd Avenue Northeast
- Phase 4: 3rd Avenue Northeast to 2nd Avenue Northeast
- Phase 5: 2nd Northeast to 1st Avenue (parking south of Main Street to be accessible)
- Phase 6: Parking south of Main Street
- Phase 7: Intersection of Main Street and 1st Avenue (parking south of Main Street trafficable)
- Phase 8: Intersection of 1st Avenue and parking lot (lane closure and flag person on 1st Avenue)
- Phase 9: Westerly project limits to east of 3rd Avenue Northwest
- Phase 10: East of 3rd Avenue Northwest to 1st Avenue
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The Contractor will be allowed to work on two adjacent phases concurrently for a set number of days. Prior to beginning work on a subsequent phase, the prior phase must be trafficable. Trafficable is defined as a drivable gravel surface which allows temporary access to adjacent properties. These areas will remain under construction and no parking in these areas will be allowed.

In future newsletters, we will keep you updated on the construction schedule. The scheduled date for substantial completion is August 31, 2005.

## Construction Zone

Until the street is paved, detours will be set up and through traffic will not be allowed. Only local traffic will be permitted temporary access within the construction zone. Barricades with “Road Closed to Thru Traffic” indicate temporary access to adjacent properties is allowed and vehicles may travel with caution up to where the road is closed. Parking on the streets under construction will not be allowed. Barricades with “Road Closed” indicate no traffic is allowed. Please do not go around “Road Closed” barricades. With ongoing construction, this can be extremely dangerous.

## Your Driveway

As part of the construction, it will be necessary to reconstruct a part of your driveway. Generally, driveways will be replaced to match the existing width as long as the width does not exceed County State Aid Standards. April Bielejeski will be contacting you later in the project to ask about changes you may want to make to your driveway width. Coordination and improvements to your driveway beyond our project limits will be your responsibility.

There will be times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be restricted. Access to your property is important to us, and the Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited. If you are planning a special event or access is essential, please notify SEH. We will forward your information to the Contractor in an effort to accommodate your access needs as best as possible.

## Preservation of Construction Stakes and Utility Flags. . . We need your help!

Please do not remove any of the wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed on the boulevards. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities such as gas and electricity. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and the residents in your neighborhood.

## Refuse Collection

Refuse collection will continue to operate during construction. When the underground work is being done in front of your house, we may need to temporarily move the collection point. We will work with you and the hauler to coordinate this effort.

## Mail Service

The Contractor will relocate all mailboxes affected by this project. After the streets have been paved, the Contractor will reinstall your mailbox at the new location.

Parking on the streets under construction will not be allowed.

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## **Construction Site Safety**

There will be some deep utility trench construction and, of course, heavy machinery operating on the construction site. Heavy equipment and construction in progress can be strong attractions to everyone, especially children. Please warn your children not to play near pipe and construction material storage areas.

Your help in keeping children and other bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress smoothly.

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