

July 12, 2010

Dear Resident:

Here is an update on the status of this project.

**Construction Status:**

As you know the Edina City Council authorized the creation of bid documents for this project at the December 15, 2009, City Council meeting; however, during this creation of bid document, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) informed staff and WSB, Inc., consultant for the project, that a variance for parking lane width was required for final approval of the plans. On June 24, City staff and WSB, Inc. presented the variance to MNDOT and were successful in obtaining approval.

The process for obtaining the variance has delayed the construction start of the project. We now anticipate MNDOT approving the plans in late July. The project will be publicly bid once we have MNDOT approved plans. We anticipate a bid date in late August with an award of bid from the City Council in early September. We do not anticipate any major work starting this fall. The majority of the work will be completed summer of 2011.

**Communication**

Staff will notify the neighborhood once we have a contractor approved by the City Council.

We have multiple ways of communicating with property owners before, during, and after construction projects. The most frequently used method is the City Extra e-mail notification service. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to "West 70th Street - TH 100 to France Avenue". Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra.

Once the project is underway, we will update the City Extra e-mail notification system on a weekly basis. These updates will cover things you need to know for the following week's schedule such as water shut off, parking restrictions, etc; it will also cover weekly street reconstruction highlights. All property owners, including those signed up for the e-mail notification system will continue to receive paper copies of the construction update letters by regular mail on a monthly basis.

Thank you,

Wayne D. Houle, PE  
Director of Public Works / City Engineer