CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON BROOKLYN BOULEVARD FROM 49TH AVENUE TO BASS LAKE ROAD

Project Background

Brooklyn Center, in coordination with Hennepin County, is preparing for reconstruction and streetscape improvements on a 1.4-mile segment of Brooklyn Boulevard (County Road 152) between 49th Avenue and just north of Bass Lake Road (County Road 10). The proposed reconstruction and streetscape improvements will advance roadway safety, enhance traffic operations, reduce access points and provide improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities for the corridor. The project will enhance bicycle and pedestrian travel by adding a trail, improving sidewalks, transit stops, adding streetscaping and landscaping and improving the functionality of intersections with modified turn lanes. The 51st Avenue/Frontage Road Improvements between Brooklyn Boulevard and Xerxes Avenue will be completed along with the Brooklyn Boulevard Improvements.

Scope of Work Outlined

Construction on the project will start in the fall of 2018. The scheduled completion date for the project is fall of 2019.

The map included with this newsletter shows the staging and schedule of the specific streets within the project area. Please understand that these are target dates and schedules and adverse weather conditions can impact the project completion schedule.

The general sequence of construction for each stage will be as follows:

- Utility relocations including power, gas, telephone and cable
- Traffic signal construction
- Removal of existing pavement
- Sanitary sewer construction
- Water main construction
- Storm sewer construction
- Grading of roadway base
- Installation of gravel/aggregate base
- Bituminous paving
- Street and sidewalk construction
- Final patching of driveways
- Final boulevard grading
- Placement of topsoil
- Installation of lawn sod

Contract Awarded to C.S. McCrossan

On July 12, 2018, sealed bids were opened for the Brooklyn Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

The City received four bids from qualified contractors. The lowest bid was submitted by C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. and the contract was awarded to them at the August 13, 2018, City Council meeting.

C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. has over 50 years of experience in street and utility construction and has performed and delivered several successful projects to City clients in recent years.

We look forward to working with the contractor and you to complete the improvements as smoothly as possible.

Construction Tips

- Keep children away from construction. Construction activity and machinery can often attract the attention of curious children. Your assistance in directing your children away from construction areas is appreciated.
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**Construction can be fascinating.** Please stay clear of machinery and construction trenches. Construction vehicles can move quickly and suddenly. Always be prepared for unexpected hazards.

**Avoid using a cellular phone when walking near a construction zone.** Staying alert to your surroundings reduces the likelihood of an incident.

**Please continue to place your garbage and recycling curbside.** City staff and the Contractor will coordinate with the haulers to ensure these services continue throughout the duration of the project.

**Please inform us of any special needs or accommodations you may have during the construction process.**

**What is Under Your Street?**

The cross section below represents a typical street and the utility lines that lie below the surface. Each home receives service for sanitary sewer, water, natural gas and storm sewer. Utilities along with streets are known as the “infrastructure” of the City.

**Private Utility Companies Replacing or Relocating Facilities**

You will likely see, or have seen, private utilities such as CenterPoint Energy, CenturyLink, Xcel Energy and Cable TV replacing and/or relocating many of their facilities. Overhead utilities (power lines and cable TV) along Brooklyn Boulevard are being relocated underground.

With many different contractors and utilities involved in a single project, we try to communicate and coordinate activities with each other as much as possible, including notifying residents when services may be disrupted. However, we may sometimes unknowingly overlook a specific need. At certain times, we must rely on feedback from residents. We intend to keep you updated and informed throughout the project through newsletters and the City’s Website.

**IMPORTANT!!**

Please contact 911 during evenings and weekends if you have a construction related emergency such as ruptured water service, sewer backup or significant flooding. The 911 dispatcher will contact the appropriate on-call Public Works personnel.

**UTILITY OUTAGES**

Please contact the following for utility outages:

- CenterPoint Energy gas leak: 612-372-5050
- Xcel Energy electric outage: 1-800-955-1999
- CenturyLink: 1-877-348-9007
- Comcast: 1-800-934-6489
- City of Brooklyn Center (water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, street lighting or traffic signal systems) 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: 763-585-7100

After hours - 911 (the dispatcher will contact the appropriate on-call service staff)

Throughout the project information will be available on the City’s Website:

[www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org](http://www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org) (Search Keywords Brooklyn Boulevard)

We realize that construction activity can cause inconveniences for many people and we appreciate your resiliency and patience while the project is completed.

**Please do not hesitate to call us with questions or requests.** We are able to work out special arrangements for particular needs, but we need to know ahead of time so we can best meet your needs.