Brooklyn Boulevard Reconstruction Project

**JULY 2019 PROJECT UPDATE**

**Stage 1 - Westside of Brooklyn Boulevard from 49th Avenue to Highway 100**

Stage 1 for the Brooklyn Boulevard project is close to completion! The contractor is finishing restoration work. This work has included the reconstruction of Brooklyn Boulevard, realignment of Lilac Drive, improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities, storm sewer and watermain improvements, a new C-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Station, and streetscaping improvements. Thank you for your patience through this construction.

**Stage 2 - Eastside of Brooklyn Boulevard from 49th Avenue to 59th Avenue**

The contractor will be completing roadway work on the eastside of Brooklyn Boulevard south of Highway 100 in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that the Highway 100 ramps south of Highway 100, along with Xerxes Ave and 51st Avenue will be re-opened at Brooklyn Boulevard in mid-July. Construction will continue north of Highway 100 through the month of July. This work will include construction of new water and storm sewer facilities. This utility work can often include deep excavations. When underground utility work is complete, the contractor will re-establish concrete curb and gutters, and roadway pavements. This will be followed by installation of new walks and driveways, along with landscaping and hardscaping improvements.

**Stage 3 – Westside of Brooklyn Boulevard from Highway 100 to 59th Avenue**

Work on the westside of Brooklyn Boulevard is expected to begin in August 2019.

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**Detour Information**

Access to commercial and residential properties will be maintained throughout construction. Any disruptions to access will be communicated directly with property owners. During this month, there will be additional road closures and detours on 55th Avenue, 56th Avenue, and Bass Lake Road. Advanced road closure signs will be installed.

**Sod Reminder**

DO NOT MOW YOUR SOD until either the grass lays over and mats down when wetted, or the grass begins to go to seed (the City will not tag you for tall grass during the first growing season). Don’t be alarmed if either of these conditions does not occur in the first 30 days. Before mowing the new sod, set the mower deck at the highest setting (3-inch minimum) and cut the new sod with this setting for the remainder of the year.

For properties receiving new sod, we cannot stress enough that the sod needs extra water for at least the first year. The contractor is responsible for watering the sod for the first 30 days. After 30 days, it becomes the responsibility of the homeowner.

Throughout the project, information will be available on the City’s website: www.cityofbrooklyncenter.org (Search Keywords, Brooklyn Boulevard)

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If you are a property owner who lives on Brooklyn Boulevard and you need access to or from your home, (e.g., to go to a doctor’s appointment, have Meals on Wheels delivered, or if you have medical or disability needs), please call the Engineering Division at 763-569-3340 and we will be happy to work with you.

If you are planning to move during the construction period or have some other large event planned, it is important that you let us know immediately so we can work with you to ensure you have access when you need it.

We welcome your input and encourage you to keep us informed of any construction activities of which you may have questions.