

2016 Fairview Road Improvements Baxter, Minnesota

Project Update



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Again, Thank You!

The project team would again like to thank you again for your cooperation and patience on the project to date, especially with the heavy rains July 9 – 12th. Please feel free to contact SEH with questions or concerns regarding the project. We will make every attempt to provide you accurate answers in a timely manner.

Project Status

The week of July 11th, the Contractor continued grading operations on and along Fairview Road, continued concrete flat work working west of Maplewood Drive, and started shaping driveways. CenterPoint Energy completed removal of the old gas main. The heavy rains on July 9 – 12th limited progress early in the week. **Bituminous paving is planned for Saturday, July 16th on Fairview Road starting at Knollwood Drive moving west toward Memorywood Drive, subject to change and the weather.**

The Contractor has given the following updated schedule, weather dependent, subject to change:

- Week of July 18th: Ongoing grading, culvert replacement on Fairview Rd west of Memorywood Drive, continue first lift of Fairview Road bituminous paving end of the week, ongoing concrete flat work at various locations, driveway restoration work, utility casting and valve box adjustments, and begin miscellaneous restoration work.
- Weeks of July 25th and August 1st: Ongoing final grading, paving, driveway restoration work, miscellaneous concrete flat work, and miscellaneous restoration work.

During the concrete and bituminous paving operations there will be times of limited access to your property. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience.

You will continue to notice private utility companies (electricity, natural gas, telephone, cable TV, etc.) marking their private utilities in the project area until restoration work is complete. Relocation of private utilities is necessary to avoid construction conflicts with proposed street and public utility construction.

Local Access and Detour During Construction

Local access will be maintained to residences and properties during construction. Work will be done under traffic, and with flaggers when necessary. There will be periods of time when access may be limited such as when underground construction is underway in front of your property or residence, or paving is occurring on or near your driveway. Lane closures on Fairview are necessary during paving work. The team will make every effort to minimize disruption and communicate staging changes.

Special Information

It is very important that anyone with special needs or disabilities contact us as soon as possible. We are in the process of working with emergency response organizations to locate any residences that may have a special need so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific residence(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Casey Zins with SEH at 218.780.1403 or Scott Hedlund with SEH at 218.855.1705.

Once construction starts, if you have upcoming special events planned, please inform SEH so we can help with your access needs.

Construction Zone

Barricade and road closure signs will be installed in the project area to protect motorists during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs! "Road Closed" signs are used where the road is impassable and closed to all traffic except for the Contractor's equipment or officially authorized vehicles. "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs are used where through traffic must detour to avoid a closure some distance beyond the sign, but where local traffic can move up to the point of closure. In this instance, local traffic would be defined as residential, church, school, and business patrons along Fairview Road.

There will be times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited. Access to your property is important to us, and the Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

As the Contractor's operations move during the course of construction, you will observe that signs and barricades move as well. Please allow extra time in your schedule as you drive through the construction zone. Please advise your family, guests, and customers to exercise caution and safe driving speeds. Be sure workers and heavy equipment operators see you before driving around them.

Preservation of Construction Stakes and Utility Flags

Please do not remove any 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. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents in your neighborhood.

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