

## Engineering Street Improvements Newsletter



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The City of Willmar has 3 street improvement projects scheduled for the 2021 construction season. They include:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE** – Reconstruction from Becker Ave to Olena Ave

**Eagle Ridge Drive E** – Reconstruction from 37<sup>th</sup> Ave to 8<sup>th</sup> St

**1<sup>st</sup> Street S** – Overlay from Willmar Ave to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave

**2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE:** Riley Brothers Construction is the general contractor for this project. They will be working on removing tree stumps, concrete curb and driveway aprons, as well as sidewalks the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> and week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. The street portion of the project will start at Olena Avenue and work north; replacing sanitary sewer, watermain and storm sewer. Riley Brothers will attempt to keep access of the street and driveways open throughout the construction process. Residents are encouraged to park on the Avenues as an option when their driveway is not available.

**Eagle Ridge Drive E:** Duininck is the general contractor for this project. They will be starting July 19<sup>th</sup> on the south end removing concrete curb and driveway aprons and on the north end replacing the storm sewer. Duininck will attempt to keep access to the street open throughout the construction process and maintain access to driveways as much as possible.

**1<sup>st</sup> Street S:** Duininck is the general contractor for this project, and will be starting the beginning of August. The project will be broken up into two different portions; diverting all traffic to single lane travel on one side of the street while the other side is constructed. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout the duration.

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The City will update our social media accounts and website with information on street projects as it becomes available.

## More Information

**Dust Control & Other Inconveniences:** Dust control measures have been written into the construction contract and streets will remain open to local traffic during the projects.

**Safety Concerns:** Whenever large equipment is used, the potential for an accident exists. Please remember to maintain a safe distance back from all construction activities and drive with extra caution throughout the entire area.

### **Sprinkler System & Landscaping within City Right-of-Way:**

Construction activities on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE and Eagle Ridge Drive E will disturb the area within and close to the street right-of-way. Residents are strongly encouraged to remove any special landscaping, planters, or pet containment systems out of these areas to ensure they are not damaged when construction begins. With respect to sprinkler systems, distribution pipes should be exposed and pulled up so they are visible to the contractor. Also consider removing the sprinkler heads from the distribution pipes and apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris.

The City and its Contractor will not be held liable for damage or salvaging of any of these items within the City right-of-way.

### **2020 Street Improvement Projects Update:**

9<sup>th</sup> Street SE Reconstruction- City staff continues to work with Duinick on removing weeds and seeding grass in the boulevard. The dry conditions this summer have not been helpful! Staff will notify residents when seeding takes place again in early fall per MnDOT specifications, and we will encourage watering to keep the soil moist in the first two weeks.

1<sup>st</sup> Street S Overlay- City staff continues to work with Duinick on removing weeds and turf establishment in the boulevard for this project as well.



## Let's Work Together!

With all street projects, access and traffic flow can be difficult at times. We ask for your cooperation and patience when traveling through these construction zones. By working together, we can minimize any inconveniences and ensure a safe area for motorists, pedestrians and construction workers!

