

2021 Street and Utility Improvement Project Montgomery, Minnesota

Project Update



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This update is being provided to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

If you have neighbors not receiving updates, please remind them:

E-mail name, property address, and email address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com AND / OR

Receive Notices by Text Message and links to updates posted on the City's project webpage by texting **MONTY2021** to the number **833.709.1208**.

Work this week of October 18th:

Phase 3B (East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive), and Phase 4 (East Circle Drive from Inner Drive to Hickory Avenue): Grading crew final graded the road in preparation for curb and gutter. Finished placing curb and gutter on Thursday afternoon.

Concrete: Please remember, concrete that has just been poured needs time to cure. Even though it may look passable, even walking on it may damage the surface. Once the concrete has been poured, a curing compound is placed on the surface to help it cure evenly. The white compound may look like the concrete is dry, but again it is still wet. It takes 7 to 10 days to reach a strength that is able to be driven on and not do any harm. Please refrain from walking on it or driving bikes on it in the first week because it will damage the concrete.

Week of October 25th:

Phase 3A (Hillcrest Drive and Inner Drive): Grading crew will be doing final grading in the front yard areas with anticipation of fall dormant seeding the week of October 25th (depending on weather).

Phase 3B (East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive) and Phase 4 (East Circle Drive from Inner Drive to Hickory Avenue): Grading crew will final grade to place concrete driveway aprons, will also final grade road in preparation for pavement. (Scheduled mid-week.)

Sidewalk work and seeding work is proposed along Hickory Avenue between West Circle Drive and East Circle Drive, and on Rogers Drive.

Contractor plans to substantially complete this season's work by October 30th.

Week of November 1st:

Potential turf establishment work around the sidewalk work might stretch into this week.

Project cleanup for the season.

- This Fall:** There will be a final warranty review of the project done next spring to address anything that needs to be done before project closeout. If the work this fall is substantially complete on your street but there is something that you feel needs to be addressed yet this fall, please contact me ASAP.
- Next Spring:** The utility work and street reconstruction on the last 1 1/2 blocks of Hickory Avenue will be completed early in the spring. The mill and overlay will be completed on Rogers Drive and the east block of Hickory Avenue between 4th Street and 5th Street. Final wear layer paving will be completed in mid-summer on all the streets.
- Again, there will be a final warranty review of the project done next spring/summer to address anything that needs to be done before project closeout.
- NOTE:** While there was a good faith intent to try and substantially complete all the work this season, the issue was that it was getting difficult to coordinate subcontractors and be assured work would still be completed before freeze-up if they were to still open up more areas late in the season. Under the contract as bid, it was always assumed the project could go into a second season. The contractor is still meeting the schedule requirements of the contract.

Substantially Completed Phases:

- Phase 1: North Circle - Substantially complete, waiting on final turf acceptance*
- Phase 2A: West Circle - Substantially complete, waiting on final turf acceptance
- Phase 2B: West Circle - Substantially complete, waiting on final turf acceptance
- Phase 3A: Hillcrest Drive and Inner Drive - Paving complete, seeding work remaining.

Active Phases:

- Phase 3B: East Circle Drive from North Circle Drive to Inner Drive – Curb complete, paving and seed remaining.
- Phase 4: East Circle Drive from Inner Drive to Hickory Avenue – Curb complete, paving and seed remaining.

Pending Phases on the current phasing plan are now postponed until spring 2022:

- Phase 3C: Rogers Drive overlay to be done in 2022
- Phase 5: Hickory Avenue from East Circle Drive to 5th Street – to be done in 2022. The contractor suspended removals and utility work on Hickory Avenue (east of East Circle Drive) and plans to complete that work in early spring 2022.

* **Turf acceptance:** Where turf acceptance is still pending. There will be a follow up review and some additional overseeding work done in some areas. If there are weeds that have popped up, it will help to mow the grass and weeds high. Note: the thick bladed grass is an annual rye used to assist in establishing the perennial grass seed. Please refer to the information “Caring for your seeded area” provided in previous Project Updates.

As things start to wind down this season, we want to thank everyone for their patience! This was a challenging project from the standpoint of access and mobility.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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