2023 Street & Utility Improvements
Project Update #13 – September 29, 2023

Construction schedule:

Start: April 2023
Finish: November 2023
Final Paving: Summer 2024

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Overview

As you know, the City of Montgomery is undertaking the reconstruction of the 2023 Street & Utility Improvements. Figure 1 shows the overall project areas of complete street and utility reconstruction and the areas of asphalt mill & overlay. Figure 2 is a phasing map that will be updated as construction progresses.

Project Timeline

Access

- 1st Street is closed from Mill Ave to Linden Ave until Wednesday, Oct 4.
- Concrete curb & gutter and sidewalk construction is complete.
- The trenchless storm sewer crossing the railroad is complete.
- The stormwater pond excavation will be complete by the end of next week.
- Asphalt pavement is scheduled for the week of 10/9 for these areas.
    - Linden Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street
    - 1st Street from Mill Avenue to Linden Avenue
    - Topsoil, seed, and blanket installation will immediately follow the asphalt pavement.
- The asphalt mill & overlay areas will be completed in 2024.
- It is recommended that property owners **do not mow** the newly seeded grass areas this fall. Please reference the attached turf establishment update (page 6) for more information.
- Please contact Connor Pint using the information listed with any construction related concerns.

The anticipated completion date for most of the work is November 1, 2023, and the Contractor is expected to meet the completion date. Some items of work, such as the final layer of asphalt pavement and the asphalt mill & overlay, will be completed during the summer of 2024. Please be aware that all timelines and schedules are subject to change as weather conditions vary.

Updates

Informational updates, such as this one, will be sent periodically throughout the project. These updates can be found on the City website listed below. **If you would like to receive these updates via email, please email Connor.Pint@bolton-menk.com and ask to be included in the Montgomery project updates.**

Text Message updates: You can sign up for text message updates by texting "@2023montg" to the number "81010". This is highly recommended. Please use your first name and house number when creating your username (ex: Bob 101 Linden). The platform used for these updates is called *Remind* which is a school-based application and will ask for your birth date to verify that you are at least 13 years of age. Please contact Connor Pint with any questions using the information listed. **An example sign-up can be found on page 3.**

City of Montgomery Project website:
https://www.cityofmontgomerymn.com/2020-2030-road-program/pages/2023-project-updates

Sewer and Water

Disruptions to Sewer and Water Service

Water and sewer service will mostly be provided at all times; however, planned shutdowns and disruptions will occur. Residents will be provided notice prior to the anticipated shutoff periods. Your residence will be connected to an above ground temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. You may notice a slight increase in the temperature of your tap water while connected to the temporary water supply line. Please use care when mowing around the temporary water supply pipe.

Service Line Connections

Sewer and water services will be constructed as close as possible to your property line and reconnected as part of the City project. You will be notified if your services appear to be in poor condition beyond the connection point. Please contact the Construction Representative if you plans to privately reconstruct the remainder of your services in conjunction with this project.

Please contact the Construction Representative if you have questions or encounter issues pertaining to your sewer and water service.

Alert

Private Items in Right-of-Way

If you have items such as landscaping, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, dog fences, etc. within the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private facilities and moving them, if necessary, to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor the City is responsible for damages incurred to private facilities in the right-of-way. Any underground facilities, such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

Construction

Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, material stockpiles, construction supplies, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be followed; likewise, if you observe an unsafe condition, please report it to the Construction Representative immediately.

Garbage & Recycling

Residents should write their address on the lid of their garbage & recycling receptacles. Wheel your receptacles to their normal pick-up location **by 7:00 AM on the day of the scheduled pick-up**. The contractor will move the receptacles to a location accessible by the sanitation company. After pick-up, the contractor will return the receptacles to your property.

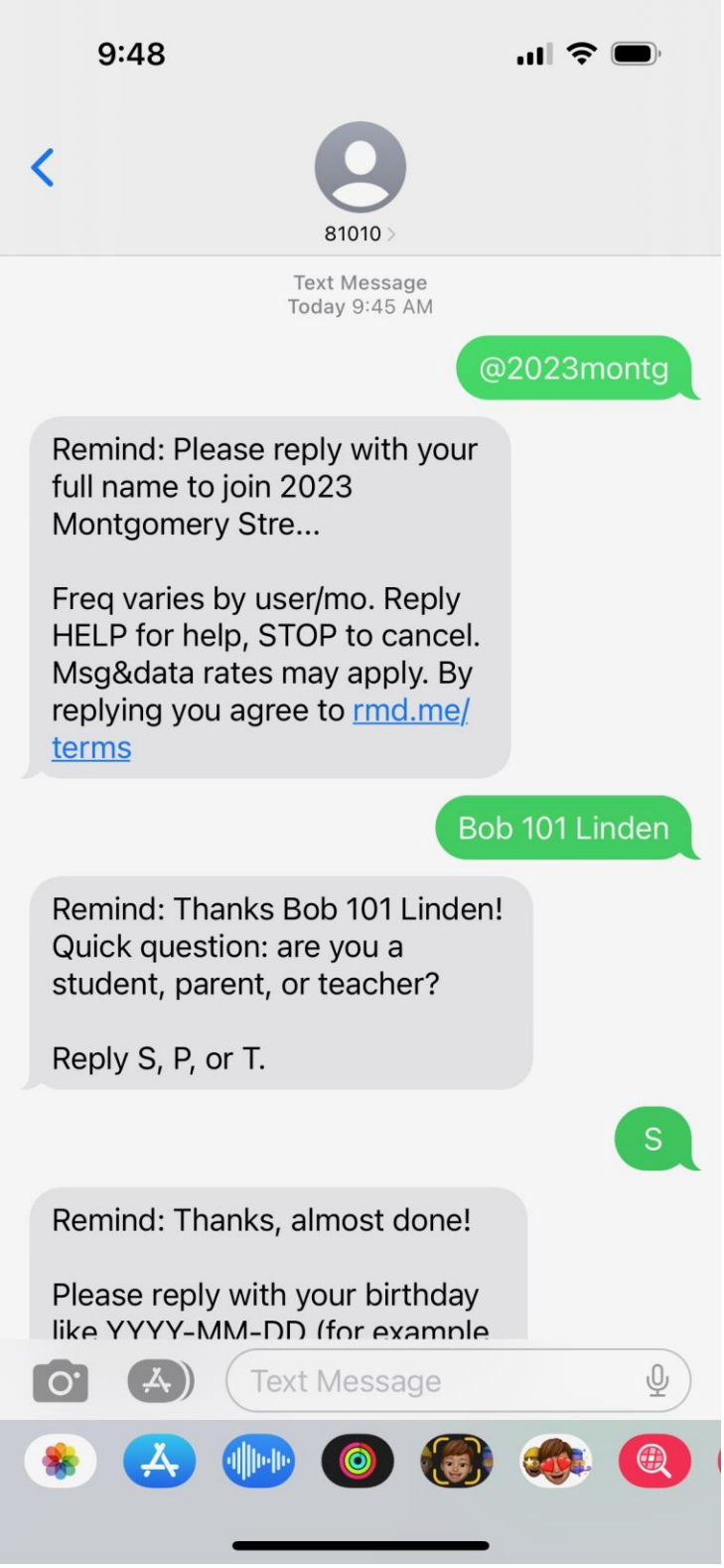
Mail

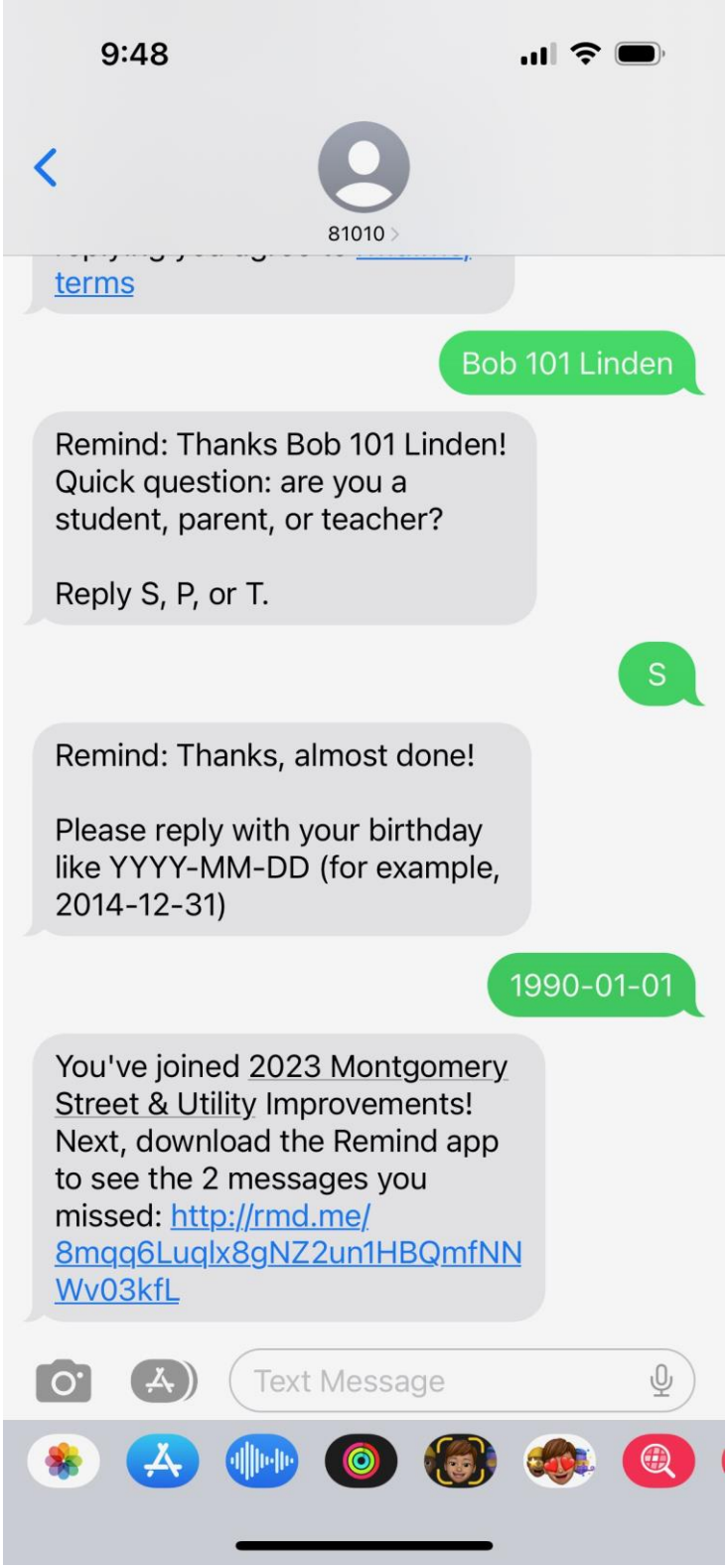
If your mailbox is attached to your house, there will be no change in delivery methods. If your mailbox is detached from your house and adjacent to the street, it will be temporarily relocated throughout the duration of construction to allow access for post office delivery vehicles. Residents will be notified of the whereabouts of this temporary location. Please contact the construction representative with any questions.

Turf Restoration

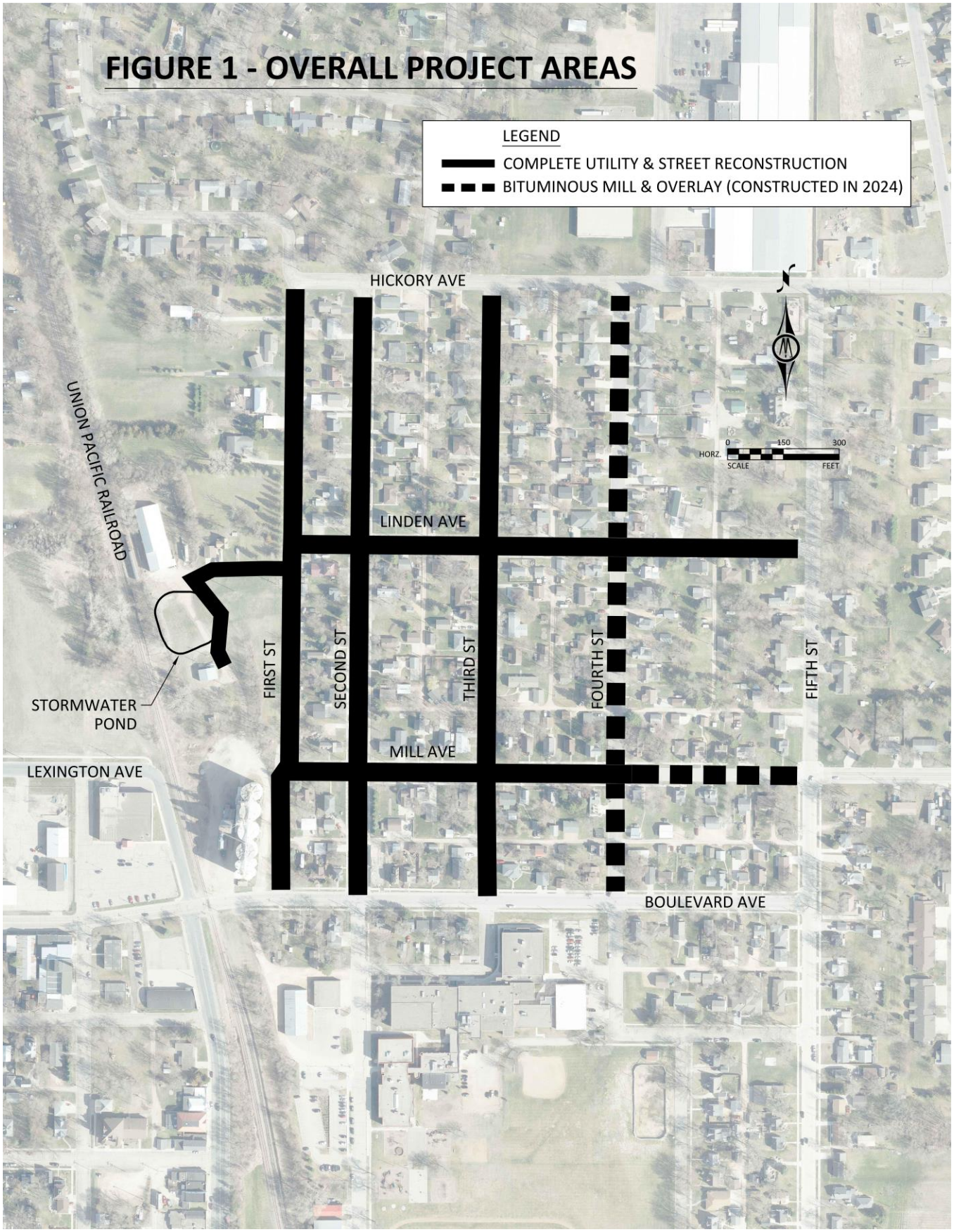
In the fall, the Contractor will restore grass following underground and street construction. The new turf will be seeded and blanketed. If homeowners do their part to help water and weed these areas, the new grass is more likely to thrive. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new grass. Set the mower at its highest level and never cut the new grass shorter than 4 inches.

Example Registration for Text Message Sign-Up

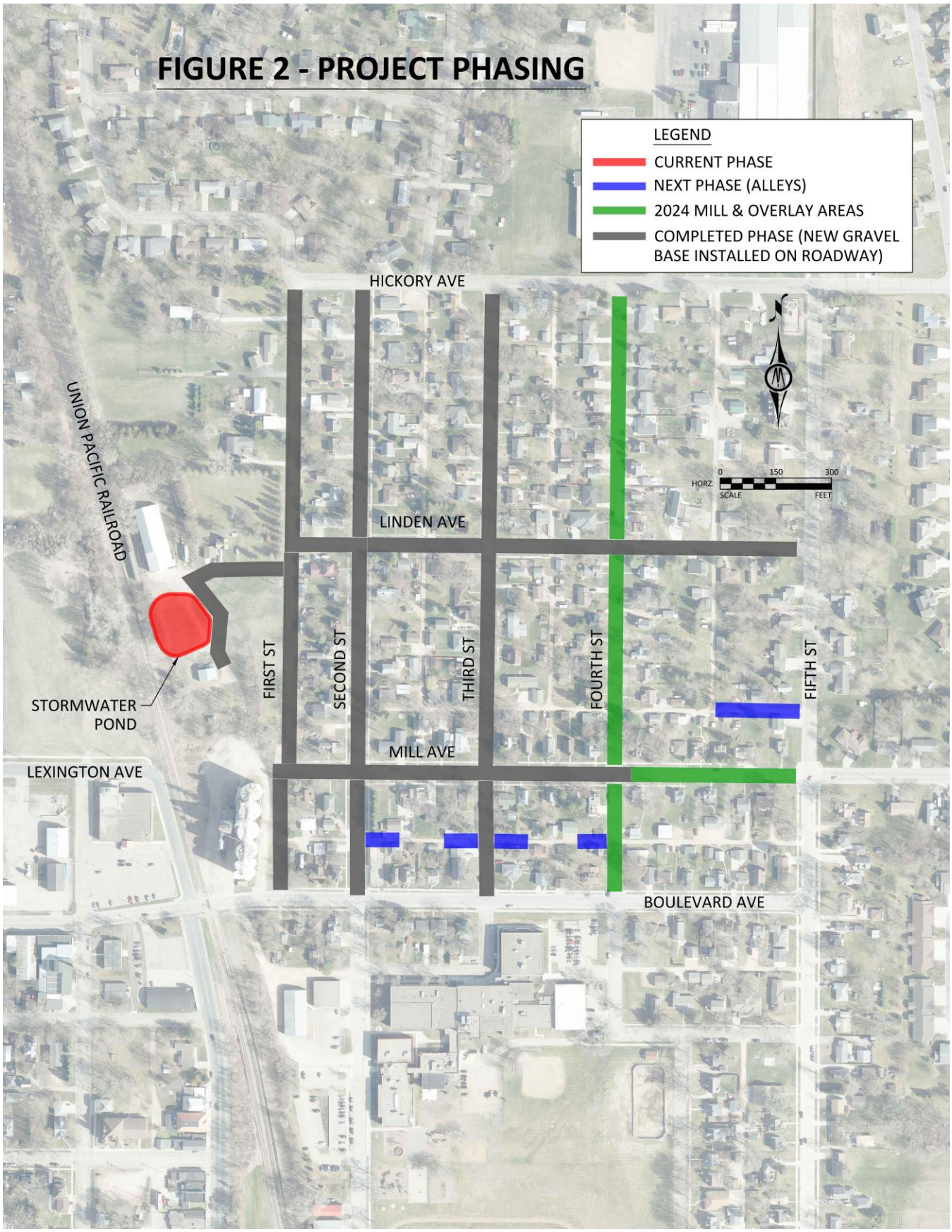




Map – Overall Project Areas



Map – Project Phasing



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TURF ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE

Date: September 29, 2023

Subject: Montgomery 2023 Street & Utility Improvements Project

Construction Progress

Seed, fertilizer, and straw blanket have been (or will be) installed on your boulevard. Please be patient with the newly seeded areas. It will take several months for the grass seed to fully establish. Please consider the following tips for best long-term health of your boulevard grass:

- It is not required, but highly recommended to water your portion of the project if it does not rain an adequate amount.
  - Apply water at a rate of 1/3 inch, three times per week.
  - The goal is to keep the soil & seedlings moist.
- Do not spread crabgrass preventor on the newly seeded areas. This will kill new seed.
  - It is recommended to control weed growth by hand pulling.
- Avoid mowing the newly seeded areas this fall. If necessary, mow when grass reaches a uniform height of 6 inches. Do not mow more than 1/3 of the grass height in a single mowing event.
  - Avoid mowing when conditions are hot and dry (85°F or warmer).
  - Avoid mowing if mower tires form ruts. This means the root system of the grass is not yet adequately established.
- The contractor will make efforts to get the grass established. Assistance from property owners can go a long way towards the long-term health of your boulevard grass.

Any questions or concerns can be communicated to Connor Pint at 952-457-9122.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the process of improving your street and utilities!

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