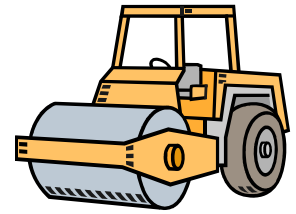




City Project 2011-1

2011 Infrastructure Improvements

Construction Update #17
September 16, 2011



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Work Completed During the Past Week...

- **14th Street Area Between Park Lane and Pine Street (includes Prairie Street)**
 - Compost seeding was completed. See below for more information on compost seeding.
- **Between Westview Drive & Park Lane (14th Street, Hillside Street, Hillside Court, & View Court):**
 - Compost seeding was completed. See below for more information on compost seeding.
- **Whispering Ln, Whispering Ct, and North Frontage Rd:**
 - North Frontage Road was striped for turn lanes at Pleasant Dr.
- **West of Westview Dr (14th St, 12th St, Honeysuckle Ln, Sun Valley Dr, Blueberry Ln & Ct, & Rosemary Ct):**
 - 12th St west of Pleasant Dr was graded and compost seeded. See below for more information on compost seeding.
 - 12th St was striped for turn lanes at Pleasant Dr.
- **15th Street E, 17th Street E, and Bailly Street:**
 - Utility crews have completed installation of the water main on the east end of 17th St.
 - The south end of Bailly St and the west end of 17th St received the first layer of pavement on Friday (9/16).
- **Florence Street and 16th Street E:**
 - Compost seeding was completed. See below for more information on compost seeding.
- **McNamara Ave, Sumner Ave, and 11th St E:**
 - Water main installation on McNamara Ave was completed on Thursday.
 - Crews began replacement of water and sanitary sewer services on McNamara Ave on Friday.
 - Installation of the new water main on Sumner Ave began on Friday.

What to Expect for the Coming Week (9/19– 9/24)

- **14th Street, Between Park Lane and Pine Street:**
 - City crews may be in the area installing new signs.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **Between Westview Drive & Park Lane (14th Street, Hillside Street, Hillside Court, & View Court):**
 - City crews may be in the area installing new signs.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **West of Westview Drive (14th Street, 12th Street, Honeysuckle Lane, Sun Valley Drive, Blueberry Lane, Blueberry Court, & Rosemary Court):**
 - City crews may be in the area installing new signs.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **Whispering Ln, Whispering Ct, and North Frontage Rd:**
 - City crews may be in the area installing new signs.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **15th Street E, 17th Street E, and Bailly Street:**
 - Additional yard grading and placement of black dirt will be taking place throughout the week on the south end of Bailly St and the west end of 17th St.
 - Utility crews will begin installation of the storm sewer on the east end of 17th St by the end of the week.
 - Replacement of water and sanitary sewer services will be taking place on the east end of 17th St after the storm sewer is installed.
 - Grading of the streets, placement of gravel, and installation of curb on the east end of 17th St may take place by the end of the week, or early the following week.



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- **Florence Street and 16th Street E:**
 - City crews may be in the area installing new signs.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **McNamara Avenue, Sumner Avenue, and 11th Street E:**
 - Installation of the new water main on Sumner Ave is expected to be completed early next week.
 - Installation of the storm sewer on McNamara Ave is expected to be completed by mid week.
 - Replacement of water and sanitary sewer services on McNamara Ave will continue during the early part of next week.
 - Grading of the streets, placement of gravel, and installation of curb on McNamara Ave and Sumner Ave may take place by the end of the week, or early the following week.
 - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, 11th St is considered to be substantially complete.

Blown Compost Seeding Information

Although it may look like topsoil to begin with, the blown compost seeding is actually a material that consists of a mixture of composted soil and grass seed. The material is applied by blowing it through a hose into the desired areas. This allows the contractor to distribute it uniformly and allows the material to blend well into the existing grass. The compost provides an excellent material for germinating the grass seed as well as protecting the seed from heat and animals who might be interested in eating it.

The blown compost seeding is obviously very different from placing sod, but the same considerations apply with regard to how it needs to be cared for. Below are some helpful tips:

1. **MOWING** – For most lawn areas, mowing the grass to **a height of 3 inches or higher is recommended.** This slightly higher height screens out light to the soil surface, limiting the ability of weeds such as crabgrass to germinate. A slightly higher cutting height also encourages deeper rooting, allowing the grass plant to capture a higher amount of moisture and nutrients from the soil. This gives the grass plants a greater degree of stress tolerance. Avoid mowing during hot weather and never cut more than half the plant off at a time. **Please do not mow the grass until it is at least 3 inches in height.**
2. **WATERING** - **The contractor is responsible for watering the seeded areas for only the remainder of this fall.** When growing season resumes next spring, the responsibility for watering will be turned over to the residents.
3. **FERTILIZING** – The blown compost seeding has adequate nutrients such that **it will not need fertilizer until next spring at the earliest.** If you apply any fertilizer to the seeded areas yet this fall, you will risk killing it.

Following these steps will help to establish the boulevard repairs into a healthy lawn as quickly as possible. It will take a little time and patience, and we thank you for both.

Future Construction Updates will be provided by....

- Hard copy – at specially marked mailboxes located throughout the project area
- E-mail - Visit <http://www.ci.hastings.mn.us/Main/ListServs.htm> Click on “Sign Up” next to the “Construction Updates – 2011 Infrastructure Improvement Program” link.
- On the City’s website - www.ci.hastings.mn.us/PublicWorks/PWENGCurrentProjects.html

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any question or concerns regarding the project, please contact the Construction Hotline at (651) 480-2334.