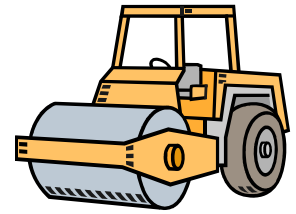




# City Project 2011-1

## 2011 Infrastructure Improvements

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### Work Completed During the Past Week...

- **15<sup>th</sup> Street E, 17<sup>th</sup> Street E, and Bailly Street:**
  - Utility crews completed the water and sewer services early in the week.
  - Utility crews have completed installation of the new storm sewer main and structures on the east end of 17<sup>th</sup> St.
  - The water main is now being disinfected and tested.
  - Black dirt placement and grading of the yards on 15<sup>th</sup> St E, Bailly St, and the west end of 17<sup>th</sup> St E is now complete.
- **McNamara Ave, Sumner Ave, and 11<sup>th</sup> St E:**
  - All utilities, including services, are now complete.
  - Curb and gutter was installed on McNamara Ave on Friday (9/23).
  - Many driveway aprons were installed on Saturday (9/24).
  - The new location of Sumner Ave has been graded and had gravel placed.
  - Installation of the new water main on Sumner Ave was completed early in the week.
  - The water main is now being disinfected and tested.

### What to Expect for the Coming Week (9/26– 10/1)

- **14<sup>th</sup> Street, Between Park Lane and Pine Street:**
  - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **Between Westview Drive & Park Lane (14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hillside Street, Hillside Court, & View Court):**
  - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **West of Westview Drive (14<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Honeysuckle Lane, Sun Valley Drive, Blueberry Lane, Blueberry Court, & Rosemary Court):**
  - 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:**
  - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.
- **15<sup>th</sup> Street E, 17<sup>th</sup> Street E, and Bailly Street:**
  - After the water main on 17<sup>th</sup> St E passes all tests, crews will begin switching residents from the temporary water main to the new water main. This will likely occur throughout the week.
  - Grading of the streets, placement of gravel, and installation of curb on the east end of 17<sup>th</sup> St will likely take place early in the week.
  - Compost seeding of the yards may begin by the end of the week on the west end of 17<sup>th</sup> St, Bailly St, and 15<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Placement of the first layer of pavement may begin by the end of the week on the east end of 17<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Grading and placement of black dirt in the yards will begin on the east end of 17<sup>th</sup> St by the end of the week.
  - Compost seeding of the yards on the east end of 17<sup>th</sup> St may begin by the end of the week or early the following week.
- **Florence Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street E:**
  - With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, this area is considered to be substantially complete.



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➤ **McNamara Avenue, Sumner Avenue, and 11<sup>th</sup> Street E:**

- Crews will begin switching residents of McNamara Ave from the temporary water main to the new water main. This will likely occur throughout the week.
- Additional grading of the streets, placement of gravel, and installation of curb on Sumner Ave will take place early next week.
- Grading and placement of black dirt in the yards on McNamara Ave and Sumner Ave will begin early to mid week.
- Placement of the first layer of pavement on McNamara Ave and Sumner Ave may begin by the end of the week.
- Compost seeding of the yards on McNamara Ave and Sumner Ave may begin by the end of the week or early the following week.
- With the exception of installing joints in the pavement, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.