

University Avenue Improvements Construction Notes

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Project Overview: The Cities of Oak Grove and East Bethel are conducting a joint State Aid funded project of street improvements on University Avenue between 221st Ave and Sims Rd. The project will consist of reconstructing the subgrade of the road, installing new culverts and stormwater management, and reclaiming, reconstructing and repaving the existing roadway. Additional work includes erosion control and stormwater management, driveway restoration, and turf restoration and reestablishment. New Look Contracting will be the contractor completing the project

Project Location Map:



Tentative Schedule: Private utility contractors are completing relocations in preparation for work on the project. Center Point Energy is relocating the gas line on the project to avoid conflicts with grading and storm sewer work.

Garbage and Recycling: Garbage and recycling pick ups should not be interrupted by the construction work. If access is disrupted, the contractor will assist residents in getting the garbage to areas it can be picked up by the trucks.

Safety: We urge you to use caution around the work site. Your assistance in reminding area children to stay clear of construction operations, especially equipment, is helpful in maintaining a safe environment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction project is greatly appreciated.

Traffic: The contractor will maintain access through university throughout the duration of the project. However, there will be temporary blockages as the contractor works on culverts crossing the road and repair to areas of subgrade. Please stay alert and follow direction of the traffic control or onsite staff while navigating through the project. There may be temporary closures of the road that continue overnight, these will be signed in advance by the contractor and residents will be given adequate notice of any disruptions to normal traffic conditions.

Clearing and Grubbing has been completed and New Look Contracting is anticipated to mobilize to the site and begin work on erosion control the week of July 31st. The Two Week Look Ahead can be found here:

Week of 7/31: erosion control installation

Week of 8/7: site preparation

Week of 8/14: reclaiming asphalt and culvert installation

Please note this schedule is subject to change based on day to day progress of the contractor

Questions: The project team is always willing and able to answer any questions you may have, now and throughout the construction process. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your cooperation during construction and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Landscaping: If you have any landscaping or irrigation systems installed within the City’s Right-of-Way, it is your responsibility to remove these items prior to the start of construction. The right-of-way is generally located 50 feet from the centerline of the road South of 217th Ave and 33 ft from the centerline of the road North of 217th Ave. Damage to these items will be repaired at the property owner’s expense. If you are unsure if you have property within the right-of-way, the Anoka Co. GIS <https://gis.anokacountymn.gov/propertysearch/>

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