

## Engineering Street Improvements Newsletter

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The City of Willmar has 3 street improvement projects scheduled for the 2021 construction season. They include:

2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE – Reconstruction from Becker Ave to Olena Ave

Eagle Ridge Drive E – Reconstruction from 37<sup>th</sup> Ave to 8<sup>th</sup> St

1<sup>st</sup> Street S – Overlay from Willmar Ave to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave

**2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE:** Riley Brothers Construction is the general contractor for this project. Work continues on resolving utility conflicts. The street portion of the project will start at Olena Avenue and work north; replacing sanitary sewer, watermain and storm sewer. Riley Brothers will attempt to keep access of the street and driveways open throughout the construction process. Residents are encouraged to park on the Avenues as an option when their driveway is not available.

**Eagle Ridge Drive E:** Duinick is the general contractor for this project. They started August 4<sup>th</sup> on the south end setting up traffic control, and will be removing concrete curb and driveway aprons and on the north end replacing the storm sewer. Mailboxes will be removed and temporary mailboxes installed on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Duinick will attempt to keep access to the street open throughout the construction process and maintain access to driveways as much as possible.

**1<sup>st</sup> Street S:** Duinick is the general contractor for this project, and started August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The project will be broken up into two different portions; diverting all traffic to single lane travel in the northbound lanes while the southbound lanes are constructed. Access to businesses will be maintained throughout the duration.



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The City will update our social media accounts and website with information on street projects as it becomes available.

## More Information

**Changes to Construction Schedule:** Please be aware the construction schedule may change throughout the project as a result of weather conditions or other activities beyond the contractor's control. Should a major change in the schedule be anticipated, we will do our best to communicate the changes to residents.

**Safety Concerns:** Whenever large equipment is used, the potential for an accident exists. Please remember to maintain a safe distance back from all construction activities and drive with extra caution throughout the entire area.

**Paving:** Paving of the roadway will restrict through traffic access during construction working hours. Please don't turn vehicle wheels sharply on newly installed pavement. Always observe posted warning signs and watch for uneven surfaces while projects are in construction.

### **2020 Street Improvement Projects Update:**

9<sup>th</sup> Street SE Reconstruction- City staff continues to work with Duinick on removing weeds and seeding grass in the boulevard. Notices were mailed to residents along the project regarding seeding on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The dry conditions this summer have not been helpful! Staff will notify residents when seeding takes place again in early fall per MnDOT specifications, and we will encourage watering to keep the soil moist in the first two weeks.

1<sup>st</sup> Street S Overlay- City staff continues to work with Duinick on removing weeds and turf establishment in the boulevard for this project as well for the portion from westbound ramps of TH No. 23 to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Questions?** If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Engineering office at 320-235-4202. We are happy to help!



## Let's Work Together!

With all street projects, access and traffic flow can be difficult at times. We ask for your cooperation and patience when traveling through these construction zones. By working together, we can minimize any inconveniences and ensure a safe area for motorists, pedestrians and construction workers!

