

# Street Reconstruction

The City of Burnsville repairs aging sections of City streets and utilities every year. But what does this mean for you, the resident or business owner who will be impacted? What will you see and hear during construction? How can you stay informed?

This brochure outlines some of the important points to be aware of during the construction process. **Please keep this information for reference until the project is complete.**

The City's Public Works Department will make every effort to keep disruptions and inconveniences to a minimum during street construction – and will make every effort to provide a prompt response to any questions or concerns throughout the project.

Please keep in mind that this brochure also contains information on water main and concrete curb and gutter replacement. Not all street improvement projects will include these elements.



## Project Updates

You will be notified by letter, flyer or personal contact before construction activities such as temporary water service connections and driveway access restorations occur. Please keep an eye open for information at your front entrance during construction.

For weekly email alerts on the progress of your neighborhood's project visit [www.burnsville.org/streetrecon](http://www.burnsville.org/streetrecon) and subscribe to the update for your neighborhood.



# Project Process

A typical street reconstruction project will include the following: (time frame depends on weather)

1. Removal of pavement where the utility work will take place.
2. Temporary water service established to areas where water mains will be replaced.
3. Water main replacement. Curb removal is necessary in water main replacement areas.
4. Removal of remaining pavement and preparation for curb installation.
5. Curb and gutter installation.
6. Grading of the road surface.
7. Paving. Only the first layer of pavement is placed the same year as construction on projects involving utility replacement.
8. Restoration and landscaping.
9. The final pavement layer is placed the following spring. This allows staff to watch for problems during the spring freeze/thaw season. If any problems are found, they can be repaired without scarring the road's final surface.



# Boulevard Trees

The City will work to preserve trees wherever possible. However, a tree that is causing problems with utilities or the street may need to be removed. If there is a question about a tree on the boulevard, please contact one of the construction inspectors listed in this brochure to discuss options.

# Water Mains

When working with older water pipes, unforeseen problems can arise and proper notification of service interruption is not always possible. We will do our best to inform you.

If a water main will be replaced in your neighborhood, you will be provided with temporary water service. We will notify you prior to the installation of the temporary water main. Temporary water is tested, and meets the same standard as regular water service. Crews will run plastic pipes above ground and connect them to the outside faucet of your home, generally through a back or side yard.

The Contractor will need to test the outside faucet on your home to ensure that it is working properly. If you have a water softener, you will need to place it in bypass mode. If you have fencing or landscaping in areas where temporary water is to be installed, the Contractor will work with you to temporarily remove objects. The outside faucet must remain open to allow water into your home. A temporary valve for your garden hose will be installed with the temporary water connection.

Do not mow over, move or use a weed trimmer around the temporary water main pipe. It may be unsightly for a few weeks, but a break in the line could cause a loss of water to the entire neighborhood.

Crews will restore normal water service once the new water main has been installed and tested. Once connected, the temporary water service will be removed and you may place your water softener in normal operating mode.

# Curbs, Gutters & Driveways

Concrete curbs and gutters will be installed or replaced in some areas. The Contractor will need to pour the curb across driveway entrances to create a continuous gutter line. The City will replace any driveway section it removes with materials similar to those that were removed. If you are planning to replace your driveway in the near future, please contact a construction inspector listed in this brochure to discuss your options.

Concrete has a minimum curing time of five days, so you will be unable to use your driveway during this time. On-street parking will be allowed. The City's Contractor is required to give residents notice prior to limiting access to a driveway.



# Mail Delivery

To prevent interruption of mail service, the Contractor may set up temporary mailboxes during construction. The Post Office will notify you if this change of service is necessary.

The Post Office decides where temporary mailboxes are located. The City does not have authority over mail service, but may be able to answer questions or contact the Post Office on your behalf if problems arise.

If you have the newspaper or other items delivered regularly, you may want to contact the delivery company to alert them of changes in access to prevent disruption of service.

## Resident Safety

Construction equipment and vehicles will be on site while the City is working in the neighborhood. It is very important for residents to follow safety guidelines in a potentially dangerous work area.

### Construction Zone Safety

- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- Remain calm. Construction crews will accommodate you as efficiently as possible. In active working areas, wait for a signal before proceeding.
- Keep children away from equipment and materials and do not allow children to play in the work area. It is difficult for workers to see children, and there are many potential hazards.
- Children and parents are welcome to watch from a safe distance. The front step of a house, or approximately 30 feet away, is the recommended distance.
- Bikers should watch for construction vehicles in the work zone and ride or walk their bike on the grass when a vehicle is in the vicinity.

**Remember, if you can't see the equipment operator's eyes, they can't see you!**



## Special Events

Be sure to notify a construction inspector listed in this brochure of any upcoming special events at your home that may need special attention. We will do our best to minimize the disruption to your function with respect to access, parking and construction during the event.

## Restoration & Sod

The City's contractor is responsible for restoring any property disturbed by construction, including grass, gardens, irrigation systems and landscaping.

It is recommended that you contact a construction inspector and mark irrigation systems, invisible pet fences or landscaping items within the right-of-way that may be impacted during construction. The Contractor is required to work with residents to ensure damage to items is minimized and damaged items are repaired.

Boulevard areas with all new curb and gutter will be restored with sod. Boulevard areas with only spot curb repair will be restored with seed.

### A few things to remember:

- Sod needs a minimum of two inches of water (approximately six hours of watering) each week. If sod doesn't feel "squishy" after watering, it needs more water.
- Seed needs to be kept moist until the seeds start to germinate and sprout. Following sprouting, water regularly to maintain growth.
- The contractor will be responsible for watering and maintaining new sod for a period of 30 days, and maintaining seed for a period of 45 days. The City will send information about turf care and warranty expiration dates.
- During the warranty period, residents are encouraged to lightly water sod and seed areas on a daily basis, either in the morning or evening, to help enhance growth.
- Do not mow or walk on new sod or seed until it is at least six inches in height. Set your mower on the highest setting for the first year.

Your help is needed to make sod and seed thrive. Contact a construction inspector with questions.

## Time Frame & Access

Generally, the construction season begins in May and ends in October. Construction is often staged to move through neighborhoods in phases, which means certain streets may not be disturbed until late in the season.

You will continue to have access to your home and driveway during construction, with two exceptions:

- While pipe is being placed in front of your home (this usually only takes a few hours)
- While the concrete curb cures (24-hour on-street parking is allowed during these days).

The City does not allow open trenches at night unless it is an emergency situation.

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