



2021 Street Rehabilitation Project

Construction Update

September 10, 2021

Sawing & Sealing Streets:

The week of September 13th, the Contractor will be sawing and sealing control joints in the new streets. This work entails sawing the pavement and filling the cuts with a sealant. This application is similar to having control joints in concrete. The intent is to control where the road will expand and contract and minimizes wandering cracks in the new roadway. *This is the last major task of construction.* The Contractor will return to complete minor close out items.

As a reminder, we ask that no vehicles or property be parked on project area streets during working hours (7am-7pm Mon-Fri). This gives the Contractor room to work and prevents any damage to personal property. In general, the Contractor will accommodate residential traffic during paving operations.

Boulevard Restoration:

The City encourages residents to water their newly restored lawn when necessary to ensure healthy re-establishment. Any areas that were missed during initial restoration will be added to a punch list and restored during close out of the project.

1. WATERING – Thoroughly soak the newly restored area. Daily watering is recommended for the next 14-21 days, subject to weather. The area should be moist to a depth of ½” to 1” but do not let puddles form.
2. WEED CONTROL – Weed seed is not part of the seed mixture but weeds grow under any condition. If weeds are present, pull weeds out by hand and mow as needed to keep weeds from taking over the new lawn.
3. STABILIZATION – Various erosion control measures keep the restored area moist, hold seed in the soil, and enhance seed germination. If an erosion blanket is needed it is secured in place with staples. The mesh is a wood fiber that will completely degrade. Prior to mowing the restored area, remove any loose staples that secured the blanket.
4. MOWING – Keep foot traffic to a minimum until the first mowing. Wait at least 14 days or until the new grass is at least 3” tall before mowing. Mow as needed to develop a strong root system for the grass and to keep weeds down. Mow during the cool part of the day and do not mow more than one third of the height of the grass.

Bituminous Curb:

Along Rice Creek Terrace there are four locations that are slated to be constructed as rain gardens. Construction for these rain gardens is expected to take place in the Spring of 2022. The rain gardens are not a part of this year's street rehabilitation project contract. The contractor removed the existing concrete curb and replaced with bituminous curb to allow for easy removal without damaging the newly paved street when the rain gardens are constructed next spring.

Note that the schedule is weather dependent and may be subject to change.

Stay Connected:

Visit the 2021 Street Project page at the following location:

<https://www.fridleymn.gov/1561/2021-02-Street-Rehabilitation-Project>

If you have an emergency, the City of Fridley's after hours contact is (763) 427-1212. This is an Anoka County Dispatch and they will direct your call.

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The contractor's hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. There is potential for occasional work on Saturdays upon City approval. Additionally, the project covers a large area (2 miles). There may be times when you will not see continuous construction activity on your street. The contractor is likely in another area of the project.

Contact Information:

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience during the project. The City of Fridley's onsite engineer, **Brandon Brodhag**, can be reached at **(763) 238-8086** if you have any questions, or concerns.*

Resident Access

Residents will have access to their driveways during construction except when major construction events are occurring on their street. The City and Contractor will collaborate in minimizing the inconvenience to residents during construction. Please keep in mind that this type of construction may generate noise, dust and mud. Generally, it can be a disruption to the neighborhood, but we are working together toward a common goal.

Worksite Safety

Although it is tempting and interesting to watch, it is very important that residents, including children, remain out of the immediate work zone. Please remember to be safe and drive cautiously wherever you see construction workers, equipment and warning signs.