

CASCO POINT NEWS

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Reconstruction Begins!

Start Date

The start date for the Casco Point Reconstruction project is set for **May 4, 2009**. The project has been broken down in to five areas for the reconstruction portion of the project:

Area 1: All of Frederick and Carmen Streets

Area 2: All of Dunwoody Avenue

Area 3: Casco Point Road from Shoreline Drive to the intersection of Dunwoody Avenue

Area 4: Casco Point Road from Dunwoody Avenue South

Area 5: All of Casco Avenue, Ethel and Caroline Streets.

The contractor is planning to start in Areas 1 and 3 first. While these areas are under construction traffic to Casco Point will be routed through Dunwoody Avenue. Local access to homes will be provided during construction; however there will be short periods of time (4-8 hours) when utility work will block driveways. Residents will be notified ahead of time.

Traffic will be limited to one lane at times. We ask that you follow traffic signs, slow down, follow directions from construction workers, and use caution at all times.

Detailed Description of Work

The reconstruct areas will consist of the following stages:

- a. Street Removal, Tree Removal, and Temporary Water Main Installation: Existing pavement will be removed. Tree removal will be reviewed with the contractor as necessary to construct the project. It is our intention to notify residents of tree removals prior to removal. Trees removed will be within the

city right of way. Every attempt will be made to save existing trees. Temporary water lines will also be installed in this stage. You will see pipes on the surface of the ground along yards, and they will be buried under driveways to maintain access. During this work traffic will be reduced to one lane in the areas under construction. We ask that you use caution and follow traffic signs and directions given by the contractor.

- b. Removal of unsuitable soils from roadway: Unsuitable soils for the new road base will be removed and hauled off site.
- c. Sanitary sewer and water main replacement: Sewer will be replaced by a combination of open cut installation and underground lining and water main will be replaced by open cut. Typically the sewer will be replaced first, followed by the water main. During this work traffic will be reduced to one lane. In some areas alternate traffic routes may be utilized to avoid delays to you. Traffic signs will be posted to guide you through the construction zones. Access may be limited to homes at times while the sewer and water is replaced in front of driveways. We will make every effort to inform residents prior to any driveway access issues.

It is not anticipated that residences will experience any major interruptions in sewer or water service during the project. There will be times when water service may be lost for a short period of time to connect and disconnect temporary water. We will inform residents in advance of any potential loss of service.

- d. Service Replacement: Sewer and water services will be replaced to each property after the sewer and

water mains have been replaced in an area. This work will also require open cut installation across the streets at each property. The sewer services will be replaced to each property first, followed by the water service. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during this stage. Again, safety is our number one concern, so please use caution and follow signs and directions.

- e. Rebuilding Streets: Once the service work is complete the contractor will begin installing the gravel that the asphalt will be placed on. At the same time the contractor will prepare driveways that were disturbed by construction for their repairs. The contractor will fine grade the gravel, and then proceed with placing the first layer of bituminous street surface. During this work traffic will be reduced to one lane. Following the first layer of bituminous will be the installation of driveways and the restoration of boulevards.

The final layer of the bituminous roadway will be installed on all reconstruct areas in the Spring of 2010. This will provide the best final roadway surface.

- f. Mill and Overlay South Casco Avenue: The mill and overlay will consist of grinding off the top 1.5 to 2 inches of bituminous road surfacing and then installing a new layer of bituminous surfacing on top. Traffic will be reduced down to one lane during this work.

Mail Boxes

While each reconstruct area is under construction the existing mail boxes will need to be removed. They will be stored and reinstalled once the first layer of bituminous roadway is installed. Temporary mailboxes will be installed during this time. They will consist of multiple boxes in one location where residents will be able to pick-up their mail. Once the temporary boxes are in place notice will be given to all residents affected as to where the location is.

Website

More information can be found on the City of Orono Website (www.ci.orono.mn.us) under the Casco Point Street & Utility Reconstruction link. This will be updated weekly or more often if necessary.

Information Line: 651-967-4512

Daily updates will be left at this number, including location and type of work scheduled, road closures and potential utility service interruptions.

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