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CSAH 19 Watermain Replacement

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Construction schedule:

Start: September 6, 2022
Finish: November 25, 2022

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Overview

The City of Orono is undertaking a construction project to improve the city watermain along CSAH 19 (Shadywood Road) between CSAH 15 (Shoreline Drive) and Mapleridge Lane/Pheasant Road. The project will consist of pipe bursting the existing watermain and directionally drilling a new watermain.

The watermain servicing this area is a cast iron pipe that was installed in the 1970s. The area has experienced some watermain breaks in recent years indicating the pipe is at the end of its service life.

Project Timeline

Competitive bids for the work were received on August 3, 2022, and the project was awarded to Geislinger & Sons from Watkins, Minnesota on August 8, 2022.

Geislinger & Sons is currently scheduled to begin work on or after September 6, once they finish up some other projects they are working on. The contract completion date for most of the work is November 25, 2022, and Geislinger & Sons is expected to meet the completion date.

CSAH 19 is not scheduled to be closed at any time during the duration of the project, but lane restrictions and traffic shifts may occur.

Questions

Temporary Water

To complete the replacement of the watermain, residents and businesses in the affected area will be placed on a temporary water system. The temp water system will be placed through yards and across driveways. When the temp water pipe needs to cross a driveway, Geislinger & Sons will build a ramp over the pipe as to continue to provide access to businesses and resident's homes. Please note that during high water usage times of the day, residents may experience lower water pressure. This is normal as the capacity of the temp water system is less than the permanent system. Temp water is expected to last around five weeks.

Contacts

Informational updates will be posted on the City of Orono's website (<https://www.ci.orono.mn.us/>). These updates will occur toward the end of each week. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Kristina Brierley at the phone number or email address listed above.



Alert

Disruptions to Water Service

Water service will be provided at all times, however, planned shutdowns and disruptions will occur. For any anticipated longer shutoff periods, residents will be provided a notice delivered to the front door. Your residence will be connected to a temporary water supply system until the new piping is installed and tested. This may result in a decrease in water pressure.

Private Improvements in Right-of-Way

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc. in the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them if necessary to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor City is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right-of-way. Any underground improvements (such as irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc.) should be located and marked so they are visible.



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Work Area

It is very common on these types of projects that area residents (especially children) become quite curious about the work the Contractor is performing. We ask that you please be respectful of and stay well clear of construction zones. Many hazards and dangers exist from heavy machinery, trenches, loose material, confined spaces, hot asphalt, etc. and often are not recognizable by the general public. The Contractor has responsibility to ensure safety on the project and within the construction area. Any direction from the Contractor regarding safety must be heeded.

Punch List

After the project is substantially complete, the contractor will be provided with a "punch list" of minor defects or uncompleted tasks. That work may take several weeks to complete and may even be in the following spring, prior to the final lift of asphalt is placed. This punch list work will require both your cooperation and patience. Please contact the Construction Representative for any issues you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Turf Restoration

Turf will be restored following underground construction and surface grading. Sod will be used. The sod will be maintained by the contractor for 30 days. "Maintain" as defined in the contract includes, weed control and watering.

After that period, it becomes the property owner's responsibility to maintain the new turf as part of their lawn – providing water, mowing and other necessary care. Mowing too soon or too short can damage or even kill new turf. Set the mower at its highest level; never cut the new turf shorter than 3".

