

70th Street Project Current Activities

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I apologize for the absence of an update last week. Not much had changed or was going to change from the week before. Concrete work was supposed to start this past Tuesday but didn't end up happening. This didn't really affect the project schedule much at the contractor was able to keep moving and get more of the road covered with sand and gravel. Concrete has been rescheduled to start next Tuesday, September 29th. They will be starting on the CSAH 37 portion and roundabout at first but I would assume they will pour concrete everywhere that the gravel is ready and to finish grade. This means that for some driveways, curb and or aprons will be poured across them. The curb needs 72 hours to cure before it can be driven over by cars and light trucks. The contractor and/or our inspectors will be trying to talk to all property owners regarding their access. Most likely ½ of each driveway entrance will be completed at this time and once that concrete can be driven over the other half will be placed. Please be careful around the newly poured concrete.

Nearly the entire length of project is now covered with sand with gravel following close behind. The last piece at the intersection of Nadala Ave and 70th Street will be covered by the end of today. The ponds, storm sewer and culverts are about 95% complete as are the small utilities. By the end of next week these contractors should be wrapped up and offsite so some of the construction clutter will loosen up some.

Rumor is some of the farm fields will start getting harvested next week. The contractor and our inspectors are aware of this and are doing what they can to provide field accesses ahead of this. A few of these field accesses will be located in curbed areas. Those accessing fields in these areas may be asked to use an alternate access point until the curb has adequate time to cure. Also, the communication lines lying on the ground in places will need to be buried at these field access points. The utility company has been made aware of the situation and should be burying these if they are still live but if you see any line lying on top of the ground please do not cross it with equipment and notify Charlie or the contractor.

Our lead inspector (Charlie Cherrier 612-919-9708) is back and will be placing location stakes for the driveways and field accesses. Please feel free to stop and talk to Charlie if you have questions regarding these stakes. All driveways and field accesses will be getting a minimum 16' wide curb cut and the driveway will narrow towards the property line to match the existing driveways (12' wide for all field accesses). Driveways in curbed areas will have concrete aprons but the field accesses will not. If the existing driveway was wider than 16' we are trying to provide everyone with the same width access as what they had before.

Paving of the project may happen the week following the curb installation (week of October 5th). When the paving does happen please make all efforts to avoid the area they are working in. It is a very busy operation with all the paving equipment and trucks hauling. The contractor will be doing their best to completely close off these areas for a few days before paving starts to try and discourage all the non-resident traffic from using the route while it is being paved. This means that the barricades may be pulled all the way across the both ends of CSAH 37 to completely stop traffic. Contact Charlie or the contractor if you have any questions. Following the paving is the street lighting at the roundabout, signage, and temporary striping. Once all this is completed the road can be opened back up to traffic. So by mid-October CSAH 37 could be reopened to traffic. The remainder of 70th Street west of the roundabout should follow closely but the priority is to get CSAH 37 reopened.