

## **70<sup>th</sup> Street Project Current Activities**

**10/16/15**

It always amazes me how much a project can change in 1 week. This entire project is now paved with the first 2 of 3 lifts except in the roundabout where it is completely finished so the curb is protected from the snow plows for the winter. Next spring the final lift will be placed on the remainder of the project. When possible we like to allow a road to go through a freeze/thaw cycle before paving the last lift because many of the potential issues like settling or soft spots in the road will show up after the 1<sup>st</sup> winter and they can be corrected easier.

The contractor is also working to finish spreading topsoil and finish grading the ditches. Driveways have been shaped and a few are ready to be paved. The contractor was supposed to be in today to pave driveways but it sounds like it will be next Tuesday now. Those driveways that had a special gravel will receive the same type of material next week as well. The bike trail is being prepared to have gravel placed along the entire length. They will be doing this most of next week. The concrete base for the lighting at the roundabout has been poured and once the concrete has cured the lights can start to be installed. Signage, striping and erosion control will all be started next week as well.

Since the entire project is now paved and all the concrete in the roundabout will be completed by the end of today the amount of traffic through the project is a big concern. The barricades will be pulled all the way across CSAH 37 at the south end and east end of the projects to attempt to keep people out of the area. The concrete in the roundabout will also be heavily guarded by cones and barrels to try and protect it through the weekend. Please plan on accessing your property along the project from the west for the next few days and please be careful as I'm sure a few vehicles will still attempt to drive through the closed road and there will be no signage or striping until early next week.

There will be a Grand Opening, Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:30 pm before the road is open to traffic and everyone is invited. Please meet at the roundabout at the intersection of CSAH 37, 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Oakwood Avenue. CSAH 37 will be open by the end of next week with the rest of 70<sup>th</sup> Street following about a week or so after.