

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

### **10/9/15**

The week started on a sad note as a flood of volunteers searching the entire City for the missing Joe Brunn. The search that incorporated thousands of people on foot, horseback, ATVs and helicopters came to an end Thursday when his body was found in the Mississippi River. Our condolences and heartfelt sympathies to all Joe's family and friends.

The search involved the 70<sup>th</sup> Street/CSAH 37 area as the project continued to move forward. The gravel continues to get some finishing touches along the entire project ahead of the paving crew. The concrete curb has all been placed and looks good. One section of curb in the roundabout was driven over during the night late last week or this past weekend before everything had set up and broke some curb. Topsoil and ditches are being finish graded where they can until the paving and shoulder is complete sometime next couple weeks. The paving started Wednesday and will take about 6 days to complete the first 2 lifts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> lift will not be completed until next spring except in the roundabout area. The Thursday morning rain didn't stop them from paving as the road held up very well considering the amount of heavy truck traffic involved with the paving. Only one small area has to be left out until things dried out a little. Paving along CSAH 37 should be completed by the end of today and then they will head west along 70<sup>th</sup> Street. The crews will working this Saturday as well.

Just about all the utilities lines have been switched over now and the old lines removed. All the temporary communication lines that were previously laying on the ground along the right-of-way have been removed except along the south/east side of CSAH 37.

We are down to crunch time with the goal to get the road open in less than 2 weeks now. Following the paving is the topsoil re-spreading and finish grading, seeding/erosion control, lighting, signage, and temporary striping. Some of this work will continue after the road is open to traffic.