

70th Street Project Current Activities

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It's been a couple weeks since the last update. As most of you are aware by now CSAH 37 has been reopened to traffic. The CSAH 37 portion of the project was October 23rd as expected but the remainder of the street west of the roundabout has remained closed. We had hoped that all of 70th Street would be reopened by October 30th but since it rained the entire week leading up to that it was not possible. The contractor has attempted to deal with the water and rain as best as they could this week to get the rest of the ditches top soiled and stabilized. These activities will not be completed this week but the **all of 70th Street/CSAH 37 will be opened by the end of the day Friday, November 6th.**

The first 2 lifts of pavement have been placed along the entire project as well as the final lift in the roundabout. The final lift of asphalt will be placed on the project next spring. All striping has been completed and all the signage will be in place prior to the road opening tomorrow. A couple more street lights are still going to be installed in the roundabout and at the intersection of MacAllister Avenue in the near future. All driveways should be completed for the winter at this point. When the trail is paved next year a little more work will be needed around some of these. If you have any issues with your driveway please contact Charlie Cherrier (612-919-7708) or myself.

The ditches have been graded so that water can flow but in some areas they have not been finish graded (mostly west of Nadala Avenue). This work will need to be completed next spring as the soil will no longer dry out and they will be doing more damage than good by trying to grade or place topsoil anymore. The contractor will continue to place mulch and erosion control blanket. Typically the blanket will be placed ~200 ft upstream of any place the storm water will discharge from the site. The rest of the seed and mulch will not be placed until we get a snow cover. We do not want to place the seed and mulch now because with the warm weather the seed could start to germinate and then freeze which would kill it all. The mulch is used to "anchor" the seed and stabilize the slopes and needs to be worked into the soil. Since the contractor is unable to get any equipment on the slopes without causing damage we needed to find an alternative. So we are stabilizing all storm water "exit" points with erosion control blanket and silt fence or bio logs (mesh tubes filled with straw or mulch) and will wait until the ground is frozen and there is snow cover. As the seed and mulch melt into the snow it will be held in place as until next spring.

Thank you all for your patience throughout the project and I apologize for the lack of updated the last couple weeks. This will probably be the last update of the year. I will send another few emails when things start going next spring. Please feel free to email or contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.