

Notice

Project Awarded



XCEL ENERGY GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT

Xcel Energy is continuing to work on the gas main replacement in the project area. As their project nears completion, they will perform yard restoration for any disturbed areas.

SPRINKLERS

If a sprinkler system is installed near the edge of the existing roadway, it may be in jeopardy. If it lies within 3 to 5 feet of the existing street edge it will likely be removed. Please mark the location of your sprinkler heads to avoid any unnecessary troubles.

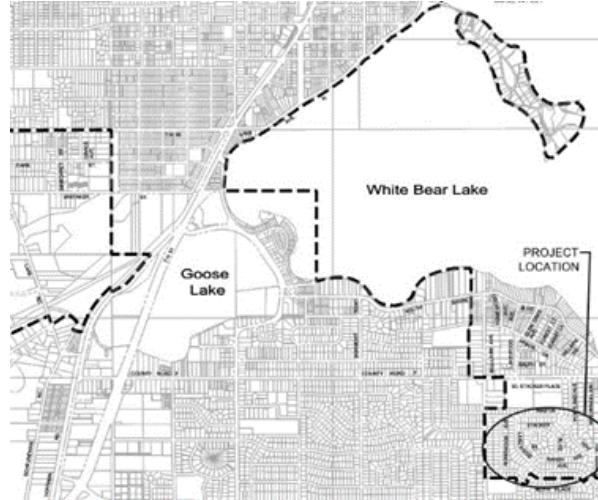
Most of the proposed 2022 Street Improvements project will take place within an approximate 60 foot right of way. Items in the existing Right of Way, including flowers, sprinklers, landscaping, and irrigation systems and other items affected by the construction will be removed by the contractor. Property owners may want to relocate these items onto their property prior to the start of construction as removals will become property of the contractor.

ASSESSMENTS

Please refer to the feasibility report at: <https://www.whitebeartownship.org/433/2021-2022-Street-Improvements> for more information regarding assessments for your particular area

TURF RESTORATION

White Bear Township and its contractor for this project, T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc., are taking every precaution to protect your property. In the event your yard or driveway is disturbed, sod and driveway replacement will be completed at the end of the project. If you see an issue in your yard, please contact your construction inspector so that we can rectify the situation.



AWARDED BID

T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc., a North Saint Paul, Minnesota based company, was awarded the project during the May 16, 2022 Town Board Meeting. Schifsky's bid was \$3,874,478.48

PROJECT TIMELINE

The 2022 Street Project schedule has yet to be established by the contractor. See inside this brochure for more information regarding project overview for your neighborhood project area. When concluded, property owners will have upgraded streets that should serve them for many years.

MORE INFORMATION

More project information is available at <http://www.whitebeartownship.org/444/2022-Street-Improvements>

2022 SE Area Street
Improvements - Phase 3
PORTLAND AVENUE, BIRCHKNOLL DRIVE,
MARTIN WAY, AND EFFRESS ROAD

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Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

IS MY LANDSCAPING OR SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN JEOPARDY OF BEING REMOVED OR DAMAGED?

If the landscaping or sprinkler system is within the right of way, it may be in jeopardy. Contact your construction inspector if you are concerned about your sprinkler system or landscaping. If it lies within 3 to 5 feet of the existing street edge it will likely be removed. To determine where the Right of Way ends and your property begins, look for: the location of a telephone pole, cable box, electrical transformer, sidewalk, trail on your property or on the property to either side of you. These items typically are in the Right of Way. Please mark the location of your sprinkler heads to avoid any unnecessary troubles.

WHAT ABOUT MY MAILBOX?

Temporary mailboxes will be set up for residents. The contractor will work with the USPS to determine the location of the temporary boxes. Your existing mailbox may be removed by the contractor from its current location and set in your yard. Each resident can store their mailbox throughout the duration of the project. It is contractor responsibility to reinstall the mailboxes. If you notice any damage done to a mailbox, please inform the construction inspector.



WHAT WILL BE THE HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK?

Work will be done during the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. You may see workers arrive before 7:00 a.m. preparing for work. It is our expectation that they will not start up equipment until after 7:00 am.

WHY ARE THERE STAKES IN MY YARD?

Some residents may notice wooden stakes and/or colored flags in their front yards. Some of the stakes mark actual property corners the township staff found during the preliminary survey phase of the project. Other stakes mark survey control points for both preliminary and construction phases of the project. Additional stakes direct location and grade of the improvements. Please do not disturb them.

ACCESS TO HOUSES

The contractor must provide access to all houses throughout the duration of the project. However, there may be minor temporary closures throughout the day, with roads being opened back up by the end of the work day.

HOW CAN I STAY SAFE IN THE WORK ZONE?

Large construction equipment can have very poor sight lines. Please don't assume that the equipment operator can see you! Use care when driving near construction equipment. When driving, biking, or walking in a work zone, please wait until a construction worker sees you and waves you through. Children can be very curious during construction projects. Please keep children away from the construction equipment and open trenches.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF A GAS LINE OR TELEPHONE LINE IS HIT?

During construction, private utilities are inadvertently cut. Typically, the gas line involved is a small, low pressure service line. The contractor will plug the line and call emergency crews to repair it. Due to the small size of the gas lines in this area, it is very unlikely that a cut gas line in this area will require an evacuation. If you notice a private utility failure, chances are the contractor is aware of the problem and is taking steps to correct the situation. You can also call the emergency numbers if you would like to report a failure.

WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?

If you have specific medical deliveries or special needs, please contact a construction inspector for coordination. Also, please call if you are planning any type of gathering.

PRIVATE UTILITY WORK

For this project, the private utility replacements will be completed before the start of this project or are remaining in place and not being disturbed or relocated in any manner. If a problem shall arise, the contractor will contact the appropriate company to determine a solution. There shall be no planned disruptions.

Generally, the project will take place in the following order:

1. Erosion Control (silt fence and inlet protection)
2. Removals
3. Watermain Replacement and Storm Sewer Installation
4. Street Preparation and Aggregate Base
5. Curb and Gutter
6. Blacktop
7. Boulevard Work

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
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