

# 2018 Street and Utility Improvement Project Elysian, Minnesota



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# Project Update

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This letter is being sent to inform you of construction activity on the above-referenced project.

By the time this letter reaches you, James Brothers will have concluded a rather rainy week in which they experienced a few delays but were still able to install half of the water services on Frank Avenue NW. Once the weather clears, the remaining water services will be installed.

By early next week, the remaining water service connections on Frank Avenue should be installed. The contractor's attention will then shift to beginning street construction on Frank Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW and County Road 11.

Street construction involves several steps. First, the street is subcut. This involves excavation and removal of the top layer of soil. After subcutting, geotextile fabric will be placed over the entire width of the street and drain tile will be placed in the street. A layer of gravel will then be placed to begin building up the street section. The final steps of street construction involve placement of concrete curb and gutter and the bituminous surfacing. If weather permits, curb might be placed prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Please expect no access to your driveways during most of the work prior to the gravel being placed and after the concrete curb is poured.

Concrete that has just been poured needs time to cure. Even though it may look passable, even walking on it may damage the surface. Once the concrete has been poured, a curing compound is placed on the surface to help cure it evenly. This white compound may look like the concrete is dry, but again it is still wet. It takes 7 to 10 days for the concrete to be able to walk on and not do any harm. **Please refrain from walking on it or driving bikes on it because it will damage the concrete.**

Lawn sump catch basins will be installed for each house along the project at a location in the right-of-way where you can connect a sump pump line to the storm sewer. (Sump pumps ONLY; NO roof leaders.) **Please call me ASAP to schedule a time when we can meet to mark your desired location of the lawn sump catch basin for your property, or feel free to email me a description of the location.**

The contractor has set up temporary water lines along the boulevard on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in preparation of the remaining water main replacement on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Replacing an existing water system involves several steps. First, an above ground temporary water system is assembled (blue PVC pipe). The two-inch temporary water main and three-quarter-inch water services are assembled, connected to a hydrant, filled, disinfected, and then connected to the outside spigots of the houses. At that point, the existing underground water main can be shut off and the new water main can be installed. Water will be supplied to individual housing units through smaller pipes that branch out to the homes. Temporary water will only be installed in areas of the project where the existing water main is being replaced. In certain locations, these temporary

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water lines may cross the street and/or driveways. Gravel has been placed over the top of these lines so that vehicles can safely drive over them.

**Please do not move the temporary water lines. You may carefully trim next to the hoses and pipes, but please do not mow over them.**

**If you are interested in “saving a stamp” and receiving future Project Updates quicker via e-mail**, please send your name, property address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at: [jbrinkman@sehinc.com](mailto:jbrinkman@sehinc.com).

Please remember that schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or City Engineer/Project Manager Chris Cavett.

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