November 9, 2018

NOTICE OF PENDING WINTER SUSPENSION - FINAL 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE

The Contractor has indicated that winter suspension of the Old TH 14 / Elm Avenue reconstruction project will begin on or before November 17, 2018. Winter suspension means active construction work will cease for the winter season and then start up again in the spring of 2019 once weather conditions allow. During winter suspension, the project corridor will be open to through traffic once again and the formal detour will be taken down. See the note at the end of this update about important information for caring for new concrete over the winter.

Questions about winter suspension or about the project in general can be directed to the City’s contracted consulting engineer Joe Palen, Project Manager with Stantec at either 507.529.6036 or joseph.palen@stantec.com or Tom Kellogg, Waseca City Engineer at either 507.835.9716 or CityEngineer@ci.waseca.mn.us. There are no planned office hours for the project during winter suspension. Office hours for the 2019 construction season will be announced in the spring of 2019 once a construction schedule has been provided by the Contractor.

A reminder that all previous weekly construction updates can be found on the Project website http://ci.waseca.mn.us/old-trunk-hwy-14elm-avenue-updates/. If there is an emergency within the construction limits outside of normal business hours please call 507.835.9718 and the 24 hour answering service will contact the appropriate parties.

Previous Week Review (November 5 to November 10)

This week’s work on Elm Avenue East included ditch and boulevard grading and placement of topsoil along the south side of Elm Avenue E between 13th Street SE and Clear Lake Drive. In addition, the contractor began installing turf reinforcement mat and seeding of the slope stabilization improvements overlooking Elm Avenue E and Clear Lake. Bituminous pavement construction was also completed on the new trail from approximately 500 feet west of 13th Street SE to the Memorial Park ballfields. Bituminous pavement was also installed along the shoulders and connecting driveways between Clear Lake Drive and the east end of the project. The contractor also completed construction of a small area of concrete pavement near the entrance to Kiesler’s Campground and installed concrete driveway aprons and sidewalk at miscellaneous locations between State Street and 8th Street W.

On the west half of the project, bituminous pavement was placed on streets intersecting Elm Avenue E at various locations along with miscellaneous bituminous driveway pavements throughout the project corridor. The final segments of concrete roadway pavement construction were completed and included work on the Elm Avenue / 4th Street W intersection, the Elm Avenue center turn lane west the 4th Street W, and the 6th Street NW, 7th Street NW and 120th Street intersections with Elm Avenue W. The contractor also constructed concrete sidewalk, driveway aprons and pedestrian ramps between State Street and 8th Street W to 2nd Street W. Street light poles and standard installation was completed Elm Avenue and all lights have been energized. The contractor also completed boulevard grading and is placing sod on Friday and Saturday of this week between 4th Street and 8th Street W.
Next Week Look Ahead (November 12 to November 17)

In preparation for winter suspension at the end of next week, the Contractor will place temporary bituminous curb and sidewalk within each of the four corners of 4th Street W and Elm Avenue. (The temporary bituminous will be removed and replace with concrete next spring). In addition, bituminous pavement will be constructed as needed along the project corridor to reconnect adjacent bituminous streets, driveways and parking lots. Pavement striping of Elm Avenue West between State street and 8th Street is scheduled for completion mid to late week. Permanent roadway signage will be installed as required throughout the project corridor throughout next week. All turf areas disturbed by construction that have not been permanently restored with sod or erosion control blanket will be temporarily seeded and mulched with a soil tackifier.

The contractor also plans to complete construction of a concrete control structure in the stormwater pond near 10th Street NW. Construction crews will continue grading boulevards, sweeping streets, removing debris and cleaning storm sewers. Temporary traffic control and signage including the formal detour route will be removed after winter suspension begins.

Traffic Control/Detour Notes

During the duration of the project and through the project limits, which extend from the western City limits west of Brown Avenue to the eastern City limits east of Clear Lake Drive, thru traffic (traffic traveling to/from Mankato and Owatonna directions) will be detoured off Old TH 14 on the east side at NW 92nd Ave/CSAH 18 near Meriden and on the west side at 110th St/CSAH 27. TH 13 / State Street will be also be detoured at 375th Ave/CSAH 5 from the north and at TH 14 from the south. Portions of Old TH 14 within the project limits may be signed “Road Open to Local Traffic” or something similar. Please keep in mind that “local traffic/access” is defined as having direct access on Old TH 14 or having business with someone or a business who has direct access on Old TH 14. If you do not fall into either of these two categories, you should not be on Old TH 14 within the project limits at any time. Travel on Old TH 14 within the project limits should take place only when there is no other possible alternative.

An updated local alternative access map is attached showing proposed access routes based on the following week's proposed construction activities. Note: this map is updated weekly as construction progresses, and every effort will be made to keep this map updated and as accurate as possible, but construction activities may require alterations to access routes before a new map is sent out.

Project Area West of TH 13

Two-way access to Vista Villa Mobile Home Community, HWY 14W Mini-Storage, Dmel Ford, Waseca Chrysler, and Rent N' Save is open from the west, via Old TH 14 or via Brown Ave-Old TH 14. Traffic traveling west from central Waseca to Vista Villa and surrounding businesses should access Old TH 14 from 362nd Ave./120th St. (Lake St/Experiment Station Road) and then proceed west on Elm Avenue. See attached map for alternative access routes within this area.

Old TH 14 will be used for construction traffic from Brown Avenue to 6th Street NW; however, a lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained through the work zone for local traffic. Access to Veterans Landing, Latham Place / Lake Shore Inn and impacted residential and business properties in between will primarily be to the west, via Elm Avenue. Access to Latham Place / Lake Shore Inn will be via 8th Street NW. Note that Elm Avenue West will periodically be open to 6th Street W and may be used for local traffic only.
Elm Avenue between 6th Street W and 2nd Street W will be closed to local traffic due to construction activities and for concrete curing purposes. The intersection of 4th Street W and Elm Avenue will close to traffic crossing Elm Avenue for concrete curing purposes until the end of the week. 2nd Avenue W will be open to cross Elm Avenue. Access from Elm Avenue W to adjacent properties between 2nd Street W and 6th Street W will be very limited, and residents will need to park on adjacent streets and access their properties via the sidewalk or use alternate side or rear vehicle access routes. Access to Kwik Trip, United Feed, Cassie’s Classic Cuts will be from the south via 2nd Avenue SW. Access to Tesch Service Center and Sacred Heart Church / School will be from 4th Street W. Access to Napa Auto Parts and First National Bank will be from the north, via 2nd Avenue NW. Access to the VFW, Box Car Liquors and Bock’s Service Station will be via 2nd Street W to Elm Avenue. The alleys north and south of Elm Avenue and between State Street and 2nd Street W will be open to traffic.

All areas of the project are planned to be opened to traffic on or before November 17, 2018 weather permitting.

Project Area East of TH 13

Access to Kiesler’s Campground will continue to be from the east on Old TH 14 / Elm Avenue to the primary entrance to the campground. Also, please note that the Clear Lake Drive / Elm Avenue E intersection is also open to traffic and can be used to access Kiesler’s Campground. The secondary (western) access to Kiesler’s Campground will be closed. Access to Memorial Park is open via 8th Street SE to 4th Street SE to 13th Street SE. Direct access to Memorial Park from Elm Avenue will not be available. Access to Lodging at Lake Aire will be provided by traveling east on the segment of Elm Avenue E constructed last summer. Access to Maplewood Park will be only via Clear Lake Drive as shown on the Local Access Map and access to the Maplewood businesses will be via Elm Avenue / Old TH 14. The alleys north and south of Elm Avenue and between State Street and 2nd Street E will be closed to traffic for concrete curing purposes until the end of the week.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT WINTER SUSPENSION OF THE PROJECT, WORK IN 2019 AND HOW TO CARE FOR NEW CONCRETE:**

1. All turf disturbed by construction that has not been permanently restored with sod or erosion control blanket will be temporarily seeded and mulched with a soil tackifier. **These areas will be final graded and will receive sod in the spring of 2019.**

2. **There are a few locations within the project corridor where concrete steps, driveway aprons, carriage ways and V-curb could not be completed due to cold weather conditions. These facilities will be completed by the contactor in the Spring of 2018.**

3. The contractor has been notified that a significant amount of sod placed this past summer needs to be removed and replaced due to its’ condition. In addition, the City and Contractor are aware of the numerous punchlist items that need to be addressed by the contractor. These items include, but are not limited to; landscape reconstruction, wall repair, weed control, and concrete walk / driveway installation or replacement. The contractor will address these turf and punch list item next spring.

4. **For property owners with new concrete sidewalk and/or driveways aprons, please LIMIT YOUR SALT USAGE during this first winter as much as possible. These new concrete surfaces are still considered very “green” and are much more susceptible to damage from salt usage than concrete that has been in place for a couple of years. Limiting salt use the first year or two on new concrete greatly improves the chances of the concrete maintaining a nicer condition for a longer period of time. The City appreciates your help in protecting everyone’s investment in this new roadway corridor.**
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Non-Posted Local Access Alternative Routes Beginning November 12, 2018

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