

Construction Update No. 2
France Avenue Sidewalk
City of Edina Contract No. ENG 10-9

September 1, 2011

Dear Resident:

Crews have begun work on the France Avenue Sidewalk Project. Their initial work will involve stripping the existing topsoil, miscellaneous removals, retaining wall installation, and preparing a gravel base for the sidewalk. They have started on the north end and will southward.

As part of the project, crews will be removing and replacing the concrete driveway aprons to install the new sidewalk. This will impact access to your driveway because the concrete needs time to cure before it can handle the weight of a vehicle. When we replace your apron we plan on using high early strength concrete, but the minimum time is still approximately 3 days for curing. The contractor will notify you in advance when this replacement work will occur. The notice they provide you will contain further information and instructions on parking your car during the curing period.

Along the 4700 block the contractor anticipates constructing the modular block wall and fence the week of September 12. Once the wall and fence have been constructed the contractor will start the sidewalk installation. Also, for the grading of the new sidewalk there will be times where the contractor may have to take down sections of the existing fence but once the work is completed they will reinstall the fence sections.

Please remind all children to stay away from all construction operations, parked equipment, and stockpiled supplies. For everyone's safety, if you see anything onsite that looks out of place or someone that doesn't belong please call the City of Edina Police Dept. non-emergency phone number at 952-826-1600. They have been informed of this project, and are keeping a close eye on the site for us, but your help would be greatly appreciated if you see anything out of place.

Please be aware that all potential schedules are subject to change due to varying factors, including other utility work, subcontractor's schedules, and most importantly, the weather. Also, please keep in mind that any impacts to landscaping during the sidewalk construction will be restored once the sidewalk has been installed.

Communication

To better communicate the overall happenings of the project, the City has introduced the City Extra e-mail notification service. This service is free and allows individuals to sign up to receive e-mail messages from the City on a variety of topics. To sign up for the service go to the City Extra website at <http://cityextra.cityofedina.com> and place a check mark in the box next to "**France Avenue Sidewalk**". Please contact the City at 952-927-8861 if you are having trouble signing up for City Extra.

We will update the City Extra e-mail notification system on a weekly basis for this project. These updates will be brief but will cover the weekly street reconstruction highlights. All residents, including those signed up for the e-mail notification system, will continue to receive paper copies of the construction update letters by regular mail on a monthly basis.

Please contact the project inspector, Jamie Cynor, if you have questions or comments regarding this project at 952-826-0440 or by email at jcynor@ci.edina.mn.us.

The City of Edina and G. L. Contracting, Inc. would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout the project.

Thank you,

Jack Sullivan
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