



Capital Improvement Project – Construction Update No. 6

York Avenue, Zenith Avenue, Abbott Avenue and Beard Avenue between 40th Avenue and 43rd Avenue including 41st Avenue, 42nd Avenue and 43rd Avenue between York Avenue and Shoreline Drive / Chowen Avenue (Victory View Neighborhood)

Almost done.....

Because of the weather conditions this year, construction saw few delays and is being wrapped up quickly. All pipework is completed and the remainder of the project involves shaping the streets, finalizing curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveways, and the laying of asphalt paving and sod.

Trial of Pervious Asphalt

The City of Robbinsdale in partnership with the Shingle Creek Watershed Commission and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, has been successful in obtaining grant funding to install a trial section of pervious asphalt paving. The purpose of the trial is to evaluate the performance of pervious asphalt during winter, and specifically it this type of pavement is a means of reducing the need for salt application on our streets.

The street segment that has been selected for the installation of this pervious pavement is the 4100 block of Abbott Avenue. The segment will start near the intersection of 41st Avenue and will extend approximately 150 feet to the north.

In addition to the pervious pavement, there will be some instrumentation installed in the road pavement that will collect information to be used to evaluate the success of the trial.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about pervious asphalt, please call us.

Current Schedule

The current schedule for work commencement dates are as follows –

Late July*	Expected completion of curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and asphalt driveway work.
Week of Aug 10*	Base layer of asphalt to be paved.
Mid – Late August*	Sod will be placed in 2009 streets.
Early September*	Final layer of asphalt to be paved.

* Please note that these dates are subject to change depending upon weather and other conditions.

Responsibility and Care of New Sod

As preparation for those areas that will receive new sod soon, and as a reminder for those areas that received new sod last year, under the terms of the contract, the period of contractor responsibility is 30 days.

After this time, homeowner's must assume the responsibility for the maintenance and watering of the new sod. This can certainly be challenging during extended hot and dry period that we have been experiencing over recent years.

After the initial 30 day period, you must take care of your new sod! It is your responsibility to water and fertilize it.

The rule of thumb for watering mature lawns is a minimum of 1 inch per week. **New sod requires twice as much water or 2 inches per week** done in 3 or 4 applications. More frequent, lighter waterings are not desirable, as they encourage shallow roots instead of deep roots. The roots of new sod require about a year to reach their full length. Lawns need deep roots to help them withstand periods of little or no rain.

During extended hot and dry periods, new sod should be thoroughly soaked every day. Checking to see if you are watering enough is easily done by placing a shallow, flat-bottomed container under the sprinkler. Then just measure the water depth in the container.

Any rainfall received during the week, can be included in your 2-inch a week watering total. You should continue watering the new sod for 2 or 3 growing seasons to ensure good established root growth.

An application of starter fertilizer is recommended for the next 2 years.

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