

2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project New Prague, Minnesota

Project Update



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

Over the past week and with continued good weather, the contractor was able to pour much of the remaining sidewalk along County Road 37 from Lexington Avenue to Columbus Avenue. Significant progress has also been made on the north roundabout at the intersection of 12th Street and Columbus Avenue with the installation of a new road base and much of the curb installed. The detour is still in effect to keep traffic out of the intersection as the work progresses and the concrete cures. **It is anticipated that the detour route will change around August 8th or 9th. Details are below.** CenterPoint Energy restoration workers are also continuing to reestablish lawns where gas connections had been made.

County Road 37 (between Columbus Avenue and Lexington Avenue): Some additional concrete work is to be done along this stretch, and crews will begin restoring areas that are ready. **NOTE: New concrete needs about 6 days to cure before it can be driven on.**

Local Streets: Most of the local streets have now been paved with the only remaining portions being on Cottonwood Lane, Lady Slipper Avenue, and 1st Street NE, which are expected to be paved Tuesday, August 6th. We ask that residents refrain from parking on those streets until the paving is complete. The contractor will also continue placing topsoil, seed, and mulch in areas as needed.

Once streets have been paved, rolled, and the bituminous has cooled, pavement can be driven on. However, please avoid parking or turning your wheels on the new pavement, if possible, as this can leave marks, especially in hot weather.

Intersection of Columbus Avenue and 12th Street: The contractor has begun to install concrete for the roundabout and it is expected that the intersection will remain closed for much of next week as work continues. We ask that drivers and residents continue to follow the posted detour signs. Access to the high school at this time is from the west along Hwy 21 and 12th Street NW.

It is currently planned that this intersection will be temporarily opened back up to traffic late next week while work shifts to the south roundabout at Columbus Avenue and County Road 37. There will be some slight adjustments to the detour route as the access changes for a period of time, and a map is attached to this Project Update showing the planned detour route and affected areas.

Intersection of Columbus Avenue and County Road 37 (7th Street) is currently open to traffic despite the gravel surface and is expected to be open to traffic through much of the week of August 5th. Tentatively toward the end of the week, there will be a switch made and the intersection of Columbus Avenue and County Road 37 will be CLOSED in order to begin

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work on that roundabout. The attached map shows the proposed detour route along Lexington Avenue and 7th Street NE so you may plan your route accordingly. Once the new detour is in place, the intersection at 12th Street and Columbus Avenue near the high school will be temporarily opened back up to traffic as part of the detour change.

There is the potential that the access to those intersections could switch again before the project is completed. **At no time will both intersections be closed at the same time.**

Please use caution when traveling streets that are under construction. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris.

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

If you haven't already done so, please send your name, street address, and e-mail address to Julie Brinkman at jbrinkman@sehinc.com to receive notices by e-mail.

If you have any question or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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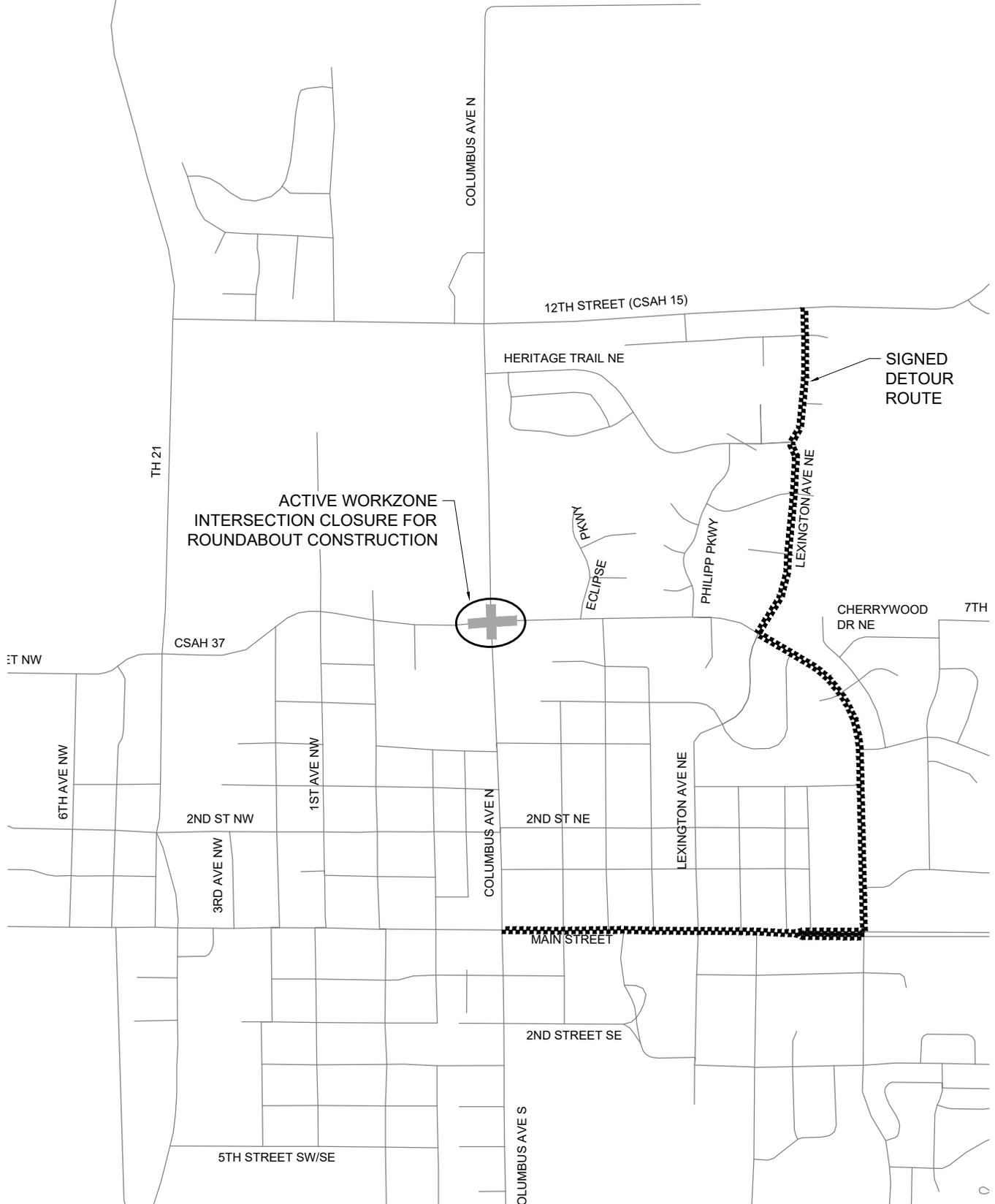


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DETOUR ROUTE FOR CLOSURE OF 7TH ST AND COLUMBUS AVE

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ACTIVE WORKZONE
INTERSECTION CLOSURE FOR
ROUNDBOUT CONSTRUCTION

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