

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.

For those who have been wondering.....YES, the two roundabouts and the walkways will be ready and open to traffic for the first day of school on Monday, August 26th.

The north roundabout at 12th Street and Columbus Avenue has been open to traffic for the past 2 weeks. The south roundabout at 7th Street and Columbus Avenue will open to traffic on Friday evening, August 23rd, in preparation for the first day of school on Monday, August 26th.

Please note that there will still be some project clean up and restoration work continuing in the area into next week as topsoil, seeding, sign installation, and street light installation take place in the area over the next week. The remaining final wear paving and striping on County Road 37 is now scheduled to take place after Labor Day.

It might be obvious at this point that progress on County Road 37 has not gone as smoothly as should have been expected. The date for completing the final paving has continued to be a moving target as conditions outside the control of the City and Contractor have delayed final paving.

One of the factors that has delayed the final paving on County Road 37 over the last couple of weeks has been challenges with wet subgrade from recent and past rains and making sure conditions were acceptable before the road is paved. Most recently it was decided to subcut and replace base material at two locations in County Road 37 to address isolated wet conditions and ensure the quality of the road. This subgrade correction work and patching of the base pavement will be taking place next week to prepare for final paving the following week. **Final wear paving is expected to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3rd and 4th.** The paving work will be done under traffic with flaggers, but avoiding the area during paving operations is always a good recommendation.

The project is nearing substantial completion. If you have any outstanding issues or concerns that have not been addressed or taken care of to your liking, please contact me at your earliest convenience so I can relay the information to the contractor.

We thank you for your patience and ask you to please use caution when traveling streets where work is still taking place. Especially use care when traveling by foot, as you may encounter rough terrain, utility trenches, or debris.

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

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