

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Question: When will the work take place?

Answer: The contractor's typical working hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. No work is allowed on Sunday or a holiday, unless approved by the city where special conditions exist. A typical project will begin sometime in April/May and be substantially completed by the end of October.

Question: What work will be done to the neighborhood and why?

Answer: The proposed project will involve total reconstruction of the streets, including the replacement of the concrete curb & gutters and the bituminous surfacing. In addition, the existing sidewalks, street lights, driveways, and driveway aprons will be replaced within the public right-of-way. Sewer and water services of the benefiting properties fronting the project will also be replaced from the utility main to your property line. Your street was selected based on several factors, including: poor condition of the bituminous surfacing, poor stormwater surface drainage, the age and deterioration of the existing sanitary sewer, watermain, and the absence of storm sewer.

Question: Who do I contact if I have questions during the construction?

Answer: You should contact the Project Inspector, David St. Dennis, by phone at (612) 221-3767 or via email at daves@haa-inc.com. Dave is assigned to the project full time and will be present on site during the construction activity. The city's Project Manager assigned to the project is Ben Nelson, and he can be reached by phone at (763) 576-2980 or via email at bnelson@ci.anoka.mn.us.

Question: How much is the typical residential assessment for the project and what is the deadline for paying the assessment?

Answer: The typical residential property assessment is approximately \$8,590. The last day to pay without interest charges will be November 15, 2022. After this day any balance remaining will automatically be certified to Anoka County for collection on your property taxes. At this time, the assessment will be spread out over 10 years, with an interest rate of 5%. As a property owner, you may choose other options for financing your assessment. Please note payments should either be sent to the City of Anoka or brought to City Hall, **never pay any person requesting payment for the assessment.** You will **NOT** be invoiced for assessments at a later date and **NO ONE WILL COME TO YOUR HOME OR CONTACT YOU BY PHONE OR EMAIL TO COLLECT THE ASSESSMENT PAYMENT.** If you have further questions regarding the assessment, contact the Anoka Assessing Department at (763) 576-2730.

Question: Are there special assessment deferment options?

Answer: Yes. Senior citizens and permanently or totally disabled persons may apply for deferment of assessment. Contact the Anoka Assessing Department at (763)-576-2730 regarding applications.



Question: May I park on the street during construction?

Answer: You should avoid parking on the street unless notified otherwise, for example when concrete work is being done adjacent to your property. If you are directed to park on the street you will receive a memo and your vehicle will not be ticketed for overnight parking.

Question: How much of my yard will be impacted?

Answer: The construction activity will take place within the public right-of-way (ROW). Public right-of-way is the land on which the city has an interest that is granted for the use of transportation and utility purposes. The typical ROW in a residential neighborhood is 60 feet or approximately 15 feet behind the curb. For further questions on the ROW, please contact the Anoka Engineering Department at (763) 576-2980.

Question: Will my water be shut off during construction?

Answer: Yes. Your water will be shut off for a short time when your service is connected and disconnected to the temporary water. Typically, residents do not even notice when their water service is switched over.

Question: Will my garbage be picked up during construction and where should I place my garbage can on the day it is picked up?

Answer: You should place your garbage can at the end of your driveway as usual. When construction occurs in front of your house on garbage collection day, the contractor will move your garbage can to a location it will be picked up, and then return it to your driveway. If any interruptions do occur, you should contact the Project Inspector, so they can notify the contractor of the interruption.

Question: Will the city contractor replace my entire driveway for additional money?

Answer: Any work done beyond the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the homeowner. Typically the contractor will not do work outside of the city contract; although, you may contact them directly for these types of inquiries. The city will not know who the general contractor or the sub-contractors are until the proposed project contract is awarded in the spring.

Question: Can I replace my driveway since the city is already replacing a portion of it?

Answer: If you want to replace, enhance, or repair your driveway, you must obtain a driveway permit from the Anoka Community Development Department at (763) 576-2720 or via email at comdev@ci.anoka.mn.us. If you are proposing to widen your driveway, you must notify the Anoka Engineering Department by April 2022 to accommodate such work with the project. For this type of request, please fill out the online feedback form or contact the Project Manager, Ben Nelson at (763) 576-2785 or via email at bnelson@ci.anoka.mn.us. All driveway improvements must comply with the city's current zoning ordinances. As always, the city recommends that a homeowner always gets more than one (1) quote for any private work.



Question: Will there be any interruptions to mail delivery?

Answer: Occasionally interruptions do occur to mail service due to the construction activity near mail boxes that are down by the street. If necessary, the contractor will work with you and USPS to arrange an alternate method of mail delivery.

Question: Will there be impacts to my landscaping that is located in the public right-of-way?

Answer: Yes. We ask that you remove any landscaping that is of sentimental/high value to you. We will work with you to restore damages to your landscaping at the end of the project. Per city ordinance *installations of appurtenances within the public right-of-way are done solely at the property owner's risk, and the city is not responsible for damage, repair or replacement of such appurtenances.*

Question: Will my underground lawn irrigation system be impacted?

Answer: Yes. If you have an underground lawn irrigation system, it is your responsibility to fill out the on-line *Underground Irrigation System Form*. You may also contact the Anoka Engineering Department at (763) 576-2980 or via email at publicservices@ci.anoka.mn.us. The City of Anoka will have an irrigation system contractor disconnect your system when the project begins, and will restore your irrigation system at the end of the project. If we do not hear from you, it will be the homeowner's sole responsibility to repair their system.

Question: Will my tree(s) be cut down/removed in the public right-of-way?

Answer: Tree(s) within the public right-of-way are subject to be removed when they propose un-safe conditions or if construction activities will potentially damage the tree(s). The City of Anoka supports boulevard trees and typically will replace a tree "1 for 1" at the request of the property owner when there is room within the public right-of-way. For more information see Anoka's *Boulevard Tree Planting* guidelines. Please note that if the tree does not fit within the public right-of-way; the city will not plant the tree on private property. At the end of the project, notices will be provided to residents that had tree(s) removed by the Project Inspector to choose the type of tree(s) to be planted. Ribbon will be placed around all trees that are proposed to be removed in the spring.

Question: Will the city cut down/remove tree(s) in the boulevard that are not proposed to be part of the project?

Answer: If you want a tree removed that is within the public right-of-way, you shall provide detailed information about the tree(s) with in the on-line feedback form prior to the project starting. In this scenario you typically will not receive a tree back. Ribbon will be placed around all trees that are proposed to be removed in the spring.

Question: Who is responsible to care for the new sod and boulevard tree(s)?

Answer: The homeowner will be asked to assist in watering the new sod and will be responsible for the care of any new boulevard tree(s). Sod maintenance and boulevard tree care information will be handed out at the time of the work. After 60 days of sod placement, it is the sole responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the sod. You can view these handouts under *Supporting Material* section of the virtual open house.



Question: Will the street lights be replaced and will additional street lights be installed?

Answer: Yes. Existing mid-block street lights and low volume intersections will be replaced with decorative green fiberglass poles and a single acorn globe. In general, street lights are placed at set intervals and at key locations like intersections, mid blocks, and pedestrian crossing areas. You can view the typical street light exhibit under the *Supporting Material* section of the virtual open house.

Question: Will the city update me on the project schedule or status during construction?

Answer: Yes, there will be midstone updates posted on the home page of the city's website titled *2022 Road Construction Updates*. Please visit the city's web stie at: www.anokaminnesota.com

Question: What is the main purpose of a stop sign?

Answer: The main purpose of a stop sign is not to slow traffic, but it is to assist with traffic control and prevent crashes; specifically, to assign right-of-way

Question: Are stop signs effective in slowing traffic speeds?

Answer: Stop signs are often not effective in slowing traffic speeds:

- Studies have shown that compliance with unwarranted stop signs is very poor
- Speeds can actually increase between stop signs

Question: What is the main purpose of speed limits?

Answer: To provide uniform traffic flow, balance risk & travel time and to establish an environment where all vehicles are traveling at or near the same speed, reducing the potential for crashes.

Question: If you lower the speed limit will traffic slow down?

Answer: Lowering a speed limit does not slow down traffic.

- There is little change after lowering a speed limit
- Changing the posted speed limit alone, has only a minor effect on driver behavior
- Uniform speed on all residential roads provides the safest environment

