

2023 Bituminous Street Improvements Becker, Minnesota

Project Update



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Hello and welcome to the *2023 Bituminous Street Improvements Project Update*. The project team consists of the City of Becker, SEH, and Minnesota Paving & Materials. SEH is the municipal engineering firm that serves as the City Engineer for the City of Becker and will serve as the contact between contractors and residents.

We hope to provide answers to your questions and concerns in a timely manner. However, when more than one team member needs to be consulted, it may take a little longer to provide you with accurate and up-to-date information.

Jerry Siegfried, SEH Project Representative, will be on-site during construction to observe project progress and the Contractor's work. Jerry is the fastest link to problem solving because he communicates directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Jerry with any questions you may have. Jerry will be driving a blue Chevy Silverado. If you are unable to reach Jerry in the field, please contact Bryce Johnson at the SEH Office at 320.229.4381.

Project Status

The City awarded the construction contract for the project to Minnesota Paving & Materials of Rogers, Minnesota. Minnesota Paving & Materials is the General Contractor and will be responsible for the street improvements throughout the project (see attached map).

Initial construction will include equipment mobilization, traffic control set-up, and erosion control set-up. The Contractor has proposed the following schedule for the **Edgewood** and **Meadowlark** areas:

- **May 25th to 26th** – Traffic and erosion control set up.
- **May 29, 2023** – Pavement and curb and gutter removals, as well as bituminous reclamation (pulverization) to begin.
- **June 5, 2023** – Curb and gutter replacement.

Work on the Becker Community Center and Old Fire hall is scheduled to begin in **Early July 2023 and Mid July 2023**, respectively.

Description of Project

The street reconstruction phase of the project consists of reclaiming (pulverizing) a section of the existing street pavement, excavating (salvaging) the pulverized materials, excavating a portion of the existing road base, and finally constructing new layers of (salvaged) gravel and bituminous pavement. The process will allow the City to increase the structural load capacity of the street pavement. This process will take place along Brenda Boulevard, Third Street, Brant Avenue, Brant Court, Prairie Road, Forrest Drive, Meadowlark Boulevard, Meadowlark Court, Morning Dove Drive, and the Community Center north parking lot.

Along Dawson Court, existing pavement will be removed, existing aggregate base graded, and new bituminous pavement will be installed.

Pedestrian ramp improvements throughout all streets listed above will be constructed where sidewalk exists at street intersections.

Concrete sidewalk and driveway improvements will be done at the old fire hall. This work will include pedestrian access improvements as well as changing the driveway/street access layout.

**URGENT!
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
NEEDED**

Special Information

It is very important that anyone with special needs or disabilities contact us as soon as possible. We are in the process of working with emergency response organizations to locate any residences that may have a special need so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific residence(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Jerry Siegfried with SEH at 320.980.4107.

**Preservation of
Construction Stakes and
Utility Flags....We need
your help!**

Please do not remove any wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed on the boulevards. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents in your neighborhood.

Your help in keeping bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress safely.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What kind of activity can I expect during construction?*

A: Construction is tedious, and we understand it can get old quickly. At times, it may even seem like not much is getting done. Remember, patience is the biggest asset that each of you bring to the job. If you keep in mind the fact that this project will be completed, hopefully construction will seem to go faster for you!

In addition to the General Contractor, there will be several subcontractors working at various times on site. There may also be private utility companies (gas, cable television, telephone, and electric) on the site locating or moving existing lines. Please bear with us, the General Contractor has a fixed amount of time to get the work done, and we will be working with all parties involved to help see that this time commitment is met.

Q: *Who do I call if I have a question?*

A: Please call SEH's Project Representative, Jerry Siegfried, at 320.980.4107 if you have a question regarding the project.

Q: *What will happen to my **sprinkler system** or **pet containment system** during construction?*

A: Because the proposed improvements are primarily street resurfacing improvements between the existing curbs, it is anticipated impacts to sprinklers or pet containment systems behind the back of the curb will be minimal. However, property owners on street corners with a sidewalk, particularly, who have a sprinkler system or pet containment system in the right-of-way and next to the edge of curb and gutter, the edge of the roadway, or the sidewalk are encouraged to contact Jerry Siegfried at 320.980.4107 to inquire on potential impacts. It may be necessary for you to temporarily remove a portion of your sprinkler or pet containment system within the public right-of-way or public easement area. The sprinkler distribution pipes should be exposed and pulled up to the property line so they are visible to the Contractor. Since the sprinkler heads are often the most expensive component of the system, consider removing them from the distribution pipes. Apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris. The City and Contractor will not be liable for damage to sprinkler systems that are installed within the public right-of-way. Residents should reinstall the systems after the turf restoration work is complete.

Q: *How will I receive my mail during construction (not applicable for PO boxes)?*

A: During construction, the mailboxes may be removed and replaced by the Contractor with temporary mailbox banks at a location(s) directed by the Postmaster. Your mail will be delivered to the mailbox banks until construction is complete. Following construction, city-standard mailbox bank clusters will be installed. You will receive notice when your mail service will return to normal.

Q: *What if I want to reconstruct my private driveway?*

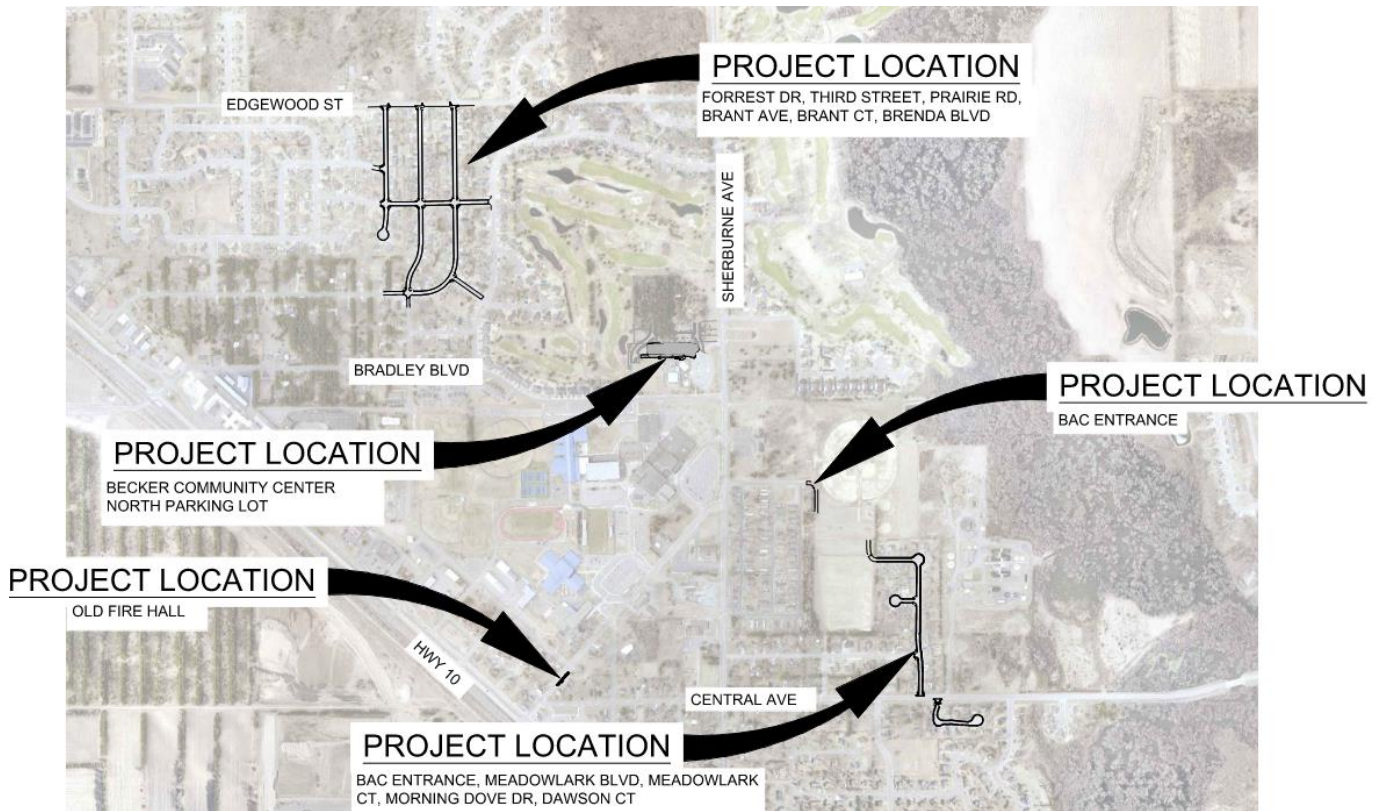
A: Property owners may replace their driveway pavements in conjunction with the overall City project. Property owners may contact the general contractor (contact information listed on front page) for proposals for private driveway reconstruction. If you proceed with driveway replacement, we ask that you alert our project representative, Jerry Siegfried, so proper coordination of the City's contractors can occur. Please note, there is no obligation on the City's contractor to perform any private reconstruction.

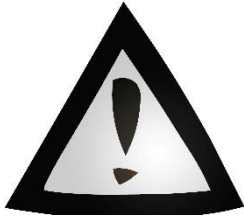
Mailboxes

The project includes plans to replace all mailboxes with swing away mailboxes.



Project Location Map





Construction Site Safety

There will be heavy machinery operating on the construction site. Heavy equipment and construction in progress can be strong attractions to everyone, especially children. Warn your children not to play near machinery and construction material storage areas. Your help in keeping children and other bystanders away from the construction area will ensure that the project will progress smoothly!

Construction Zone

Traffic control signs will be installed throughout the project area to protect motorists during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs!

There will also be times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited, particularly when fresh, hot bituminous is being constructed. Access to your property is important to us. The Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

As the Contractor's operations move during the course of construction, signs must be relocated as appropriate. We understand this may be frustrating! **Please allow extra time in your schedule as you drive through the construction zones or posted detours.** Please advise your family and guests to exercise caution and observe safe driving speeds. Be sure workers and heavy equipment operators see you before you drive around them. The Becker Police Department may be contacted in an effort to increase enforcement of the statutory speeds and construction zone traffic control.

The contractor is aware of events going on at the Becker Athletic Complex (BAC) and will do their best maintain both access points. There will be times when one access point is closed, please allow additional travel time to utilize which ever access is open.

The City of Becker will be communicating via social media to inform residents of which access is open and should be used.

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