



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In **Stage 1**, the contractor has finished preliminary grading and compacting the roadway, installed curb and gutter, and the first lift (layer) of asphalt will be going in on Thursday and the second layer will be installed Friday of this week dependent on weather. The asphalt will be installed from Southview Boulevard to just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street South intersection. There will be a total of three layers of asphalt when the road is completed. The final lift will be installed on all three stages of the project at one time late this summer. The next step for Stage 1 will be preparing and pouring the 5' wide concrete sidewalk. This will leave an approximately 6' wide grass boulevard between the road and the sidewalk. Although you can walk/drive on asphalt almost immediately, concrete should be left to "cure". The minimum time for sidewalks and driveway aprons is 3 days. Concrete curb and gutters need 7 days to cure.

In **Stage 2**, the watermain pipe has been installed. Before digging down and connecting homeowner's service lines to the watermain, the pipe must be clean and the water tested. Chlorine is typically used to clean and disinfect the pipe. The cleaning solution is then flushed out through the hydrants, the water allowed to sit one day, and then testing samples are taken. The test results typically come back in 24 hours. The bacteria water test must come back clean twice before the contractor can proceed with service work. The water tests on Stage 2 did not come back clean, so on Tuesday, the contractor ran a "pig" (similar to a large foam tube or sponge) through the main to push out anything that might be contaminating the water. The water was then chlorinated, and left to sit for 24 hours. It will be flushed and then has to sit for another day before it can be tested. If it comes back clean, a second test will have to be taken. If all goes well, next week the Contractor will start the installation of individual water services and delivering water to homeowners through the new main.



It may seem like nothing is going on in Stage 2, as pipe cleaning and water testing does take time. Once the water tests pass, activity will pick up again!

In **Stage 3**, the plan is to have all of the utilities, concrete and base pavement complete in Stages 1 and 2 before any work on Stage 3 begins. It will likely be late July or August before Stage 3 sees any construction activity.

**Please Note:** The Contractor will be working around the active watermain facilities while they are installing the new watermain. When working around these live facilities there is always the possibility that a line could be hit or damaged which would require an emergency shutdown of the water system. **If this occurs we will not be able to provide notice as these shut-downs are not planned.** We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in those cases.

## SAFETY FIRST

The Contractor has posted signs at the alley entrances to notify motorists that no through traffic is allowed. Please note that alley speed limits are 10 mph and there may be more activity in the alleys due to the construction out front.

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been blocked off to traffic from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Southview Blvd. Please continue to stay out of the construction area for your safety. Large and small construction equipment will be working in the area during the street improvements and it can be a powerful draw to curious onlookers (of all ages). Remember to stay clear of construction equipment. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated!



## PROJECT CONTACTS & INFORMATION

- For construction related questions or concerns, during the hours the Contractor is working, please call the project representatives:
  - Tom Madigan (Lead Inspector) at (651) 554-3212
  - Mat Steely (Inspector) at (612) 636-7825
  - Lee Elfering, City Engineer, at (651) 554-3210 (Monday-Friday, 8 – 4:30)
  - After hours or on weekends you can leave a message to receive a follow-up call on the next business day at (651) 554-3210
  - Emergency after work hours, call 911
- For general project related questions, call (651) 554-3210 (Monday – Friday, 8 – 4:30)
- The project website will be used for posting construction newsletters and relevant information. The website address is <https://5thaves.com/>. Sign up to be e-mailed the newsletter!



## OTHER IMPORTANT WATER INFORMATION

The City has sent out letters to all properties along the roadway informing residents of the existence of lead water services in the project area. Some of these residents have already begun replacing their lead services. The City has discovered another lead service that we were unaware of. The homeowner was notified. As the Contractor is performing the watermain work, we will determine the material type for each water service as we encounter it. If we encounter any indication of a lead water service to a property, that property owner will be notified.

The City will be replacing every water service from the City's main to the curb stop as part of the project. The replacement or work on the water service line from the curb stop to the house is the responsibility of the property owner. If a lead service exists to a residence, we would strongly recommend the property owner replace the remaining portion of the water service. However, the decision to replace is up to each property owner.

Should you choose to replace your service, each property owner would need to obtain a Contractor for completing the work of replacing their water service from the curb stop to the house. **The City does have programs at this time to help residents with the cost of replacing lead services, and due the impacts of our construction project you will likely be able to replace the service at less cost at this time rather than in the future after the road work is done.** If you have any questions on lead water services or if you would like more information on the cost saving programs the City has at this time, please call the City Engineer at the number below or look on the City's website.