



Tonka-Woodcroft Improvements Project

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Project Overview

The Tonka-Woodcroft Improvements Project includes street reconstruction, concrete curb and gutter, water main and water service replacement, sanitary sewer repair, and storm sewer and water quality improvements.

The project also includes a new 8-foot multi-use trail along the north side of Minnetonka Boulevard from Woodlawn Avenue to Tonkawood Road and an enhanced crossing at Groveland Elementary School.

In addition to city improvements, private utility companies will be making improvements to their systems in advance of the city's improvements. This work is independent of the city's contract. CenterPoint Energy will replace gas main and services in select areas of the project. Xcel Energy, Comcast, and Lumen (CenturyLink) will bury overhead utilities along Minnetonka Blvd from Woodlawn Avenue to Tonkaway Road.

Project Schedule

The second year of construction will begin in the next few weeks, as soon as the weather allows. Construction will once again occur in multiple stages and is expected to last from April 2023 to November 2023. See attached map detailing the project area, construction stages, and anticipated schedules.

Construction will follow the same general timeline for each stage, but will vary depending on size and complexity. Construction for each stage is anticipated to last **8-12 weeks**. Watch for website, text and email updates.

Please note, the schedule is weather-dependent and is subject to change. Regular schedule updates will be communicated via the project website and email/text updates.

Learn more

- Visit minnetonkamn.gov/tonka-woodcroft for more information and to subscribe to receive construction updates via email/text.
- Text "**mtka tonka-woodcroft**" to 468-311 to subscribe to text updates.
- Contact our staff to learn more or ask questions.
- Regular construction updates will be posted on the project website, but look for special updates in the mail or hanging on your front door.

Thank you for your patience as we work to make these necessary improvements to the neighborhood.

JUST DEEDS

More than 530 homes in Minnetonka still contain racial covenants on their title. The city has partnered with Just Deeds to remove these outdated covenants at no cost to the homeowner.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/justdeeds to learn more.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Road Closures / Driveway Access

Access to your property will be maintained to the fullest extent possible. However, there will be periods when access to your property will be limited, mainly during utility construction and concrete curb and gutter placement and curing. Notices will be provided in advance of limited property access.

Watch for construction updates. Traffic control change closures will be communicated in advance with signage and website updates.

Construction Impacts

Please note that items located in the city right-of-way (typically 10 to 20 feet beyond the existing street) could be impacted during construction.

Typical construction limits extend a minimum of five feet behind the current edge of pavement but may extend to 10 feet or more in some locations particularly in areas within 10 feet of a water curb stop or hydrant. To discuss construction impacts, please contact Construction Coordinator AJ Soland.

Due to the invasive nature of reconstruction projects, temporary service interruptions and changes to property access are common. While these inconveniences can be frustrating, the city will work to minimize disruptions.

Tree Removal

Though the city works to minimize tree removal as much as possible, this project requires some tree removal. Tree marking and removal will occur ahead of street and utility work in each phase.

Temporary Water

To provide water to residents during replacement of the water main and services, the contractor will install a temporary water system. Prior to turning on the temporary system, the contractor will need to enter each home to shut off the main water valve supplying each home. The temporary water system will include above-ground piping with a connection to an exterior hose spigot and will be installed in accordance with Minnesota Department of Health and city guidelines.

Restoration

Turf restoration in most areas will consist of topsoil and sod. Once sod is placed, the contractor is responsible to water and maintain for 30 days. After 30 days, the responsibility is returned to the property owner. Once sod is placed, look for more information on how to best care for new sod.

HOW TO PREPARE

Mail Service

Mailboxes will be removed and reinstalled following construction. Temporary mailboxes will be installed in a central location not under construction. Residents will be notified in advance of this work.

Garbage/Recycling

Please have all bins at the curb prior to 6 a.m. to allow for early pick-up.

School Bus Routes

The school district will contact residents directly for changes to bus service.

Landscaping Items

Landscape items that wish to be saved should be removed prior to construction. If not, these items will be removed by the contractor. If you are unsure if these items will be impacted by construction, please contact Construction Coordinator AJ Soland.

Irrigation and Pet Fence Systems

The city will reimburse owners to repair impacted irrigation and pet fence systems. To help reduce impacts, please mark irrigation heads and pet fences prior to construction.

Noise and Dust

Before opening windows keep in mind construction can generate noise and dust.

Special Needs or Events

Is there a special event at your house this summer? Do you have regular medical deliveries to your home? Do you have any special communications needs? Please contact Construction Coordinator AJ Soland to notify us of any special needs and we will do our best accommodate.

SAFETY AROUND CONSTRUCTION

Please remember to:

- Drive slow. Keep an eye out for construction equipment and personnel.
- Watch your step while walking through the project and consider alternate routes.
- Keep away from construction equipment, trenches, and stockpiles.