Presidents A & B
2025 Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

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Dear Resident:

We are preparing the final plans and specifications needed for soliciting contractor bids for your neighborhood roadway project. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

Consider upgrading your service pipes

Now may be the time to upgrade your sanitary sewer and water service pipes. Homeowners are responsible for the sanitary sewer pipe from the main (typically located in the middle of the road) to the house and the water service pipe from the water shut-off valve to the house.

Upgrading private service pipes is not required as part of the neighborhood roadway project; however, the age and condition of the City-owned utilities suggests that your service pipes may be nearing the end of their useful life. Private contractors are available to assess whether your service pipes need any repairs or improvements. For your convenience, we've enclosed a list of contractors that have previously worked in the City or are referenced by Met Council. We recommend contacting more than one contractor to ensure you are receiving competitive estimates.

You likely will realize some cost savings if you decide to do this work during the roadway project since there are reduced requirements associated with street, curb and boulevard restoration. Typically, street reconstruction begins in April or May. If you decide to upgrade your service pipes, this will have to be completed before the street is paved this summer. Notification will be mailed to you in the spring including the estimated construction schedule and project details.

Great news! The City secured $50,000 in grant funding from Met Council to assist certain property owners with upgrading their sanitary sewer pipe. The amount of grant funding is limited and only applies to properties with income levels less than the Edina area 2024 median gross income of $125,500. For qualified applicants, the grant award could be up to $10,000, and will be on a first come first served basis. To qualify, please contact Liz Moore at the addresses provided below.

Consider connecting your sump pump to the City's storm sewer system

Sump drain pipes will be installed behind the new curbs where feasible. If you have a sump pump that discharges into the street or the boulevard, we encourage you to connect it to the new sump drain pipe after it is installed. We will inform you when installation is occurring so you can coordinate hiring a contractor to make this connection. For your convenience, we've enclosed a list of contractors that have previously worked in the City.

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If you choose not to connect your sump pump and continue to discharge the water in your yard, the discharge point must be a minimum of 5 ft. inside your property line. According to City ordinance, property owners are not to "discharge any sump pump water…upon or over streets, sidewalks, or other public property or private property except that owned by the person discharging the water." Please note that water discharged into the street or yards may find its way back into your house, into your neighbor's yard or house or cause delay to the project and ultimately, premature wear to the new roadway.

Add the costs to your special assessment

The costs of upgrading your sanitary sewer service pipe, water service pipe and sump pump connection can be added to your special assessment. This allows homeowners the ability to spread the cost out over a 15-year period. The process is as follows:

1. Get at least two estimates from contractors.
2. Select a contractor from the estimates you receive.
3. Mail or email the estimate to:
   Mail: Liz Moore
   City of Edina – Engineering Department
   7450 Metro Blvd
   Edina, MN 55439-3037
   Email: LMoore@EdinaMN.gov
4. Liz will prepare a Special Assessment Agreement for you to sign, allowing you to add the costs to your special assessment.
5. Liz will issue a purchase order number to your contractor after you have returned the signed agreement.
6. You or your contractor should apply for the necessary work permits through the City's ePermits website - https://epermits.logis.org/home.aspx?city=ed.
7. Your contractor will perform the work and invoice the City directly, referencing the purchase order number.
8. Liz will process the invoice for payment. The total special assessment invoice will be mailed to property owners in the fall of 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 952-826-0443 or ADitzler@EdinaMN.gov.

Sincerely,

Aaron Ditzler, PE
Assistant City Engineer

Enclosure: Contractors List