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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

HARVEY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION HILLGROVE AVENUE TO 41ST STREET

March 14, 2023

Dear Resident,

The Village of Western Springs will be reconstructing Harvey Avenue between Hillgrove Avenue and 41st Street this Spring/Summer. The project's general contractor is R.W. Dunteman Co. HR Green will provide construction oversight on behalf of the Village.

Project Scope

The project consists of the complete reconstruction of Harvey Avenue within the project limits. The project includes the following work:

- Replacement of existing pavement with new concrete pavement
- New concrete curb and gutter
- New storm sewer main and street inlets
- New concrete driveway aprons
- Sidewalk repairs
- Installation of ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps at intersection corners

Project Schedule

Work is expected to begin in early April 2023. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete in August 2023. Parkway grass restoration work will likely be performed in September/October when cooler weather is more favorable.

Staying Informed – Project Update Emails and Project Website

A project web page has been created. Please scan the QR code at the top of this letter or visit www.wsprings.com/roads and click on Harvey Avenue on the left side.

The project team will send periodic project updates which will help keep residents informed as to project progress and upcoming work. The updates will be posted in the "News Flash" section of the Village website and will be automatically sent via e-mail and/or text message to anyone who signs up for automatic updates. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up. They will also appear on the right side of the project web page.

To sign up to receive project updates in an e-mail and/or text message, follow the steps below.



1. Click on "[Stay Informed](#)" on the left side of the Village website (www.wsprings.com)
2. Enter your e-mail address in the text box at the top of the page and click "Sign In".
3. Scroll down to the "News Flash" section of the page and click the next to project you want to receive updates on (i.e., Harvey Avenue Reconstruction).
4. Optional: If you would like to also receive text message updates then first check the check box below your e-mail next to "I would like to be able to receive text messages on my mobile phone". Then click the next to Road Construction Projects.
5. You will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your subscription to the news flash, which is required before you can receive regular updates.

Roadway/Driveway Access

The concrete pavement reconstruction process requires the closure of ½ the roadway for significant periods during the project. Residents should expect to be displaced from their driveways for a three (3) to four (4) week period while their side of the roadway is removed and replaced. Provisions will be made to permit overnight street parking on surrounding streets for all residents affected by the construction. Any resident currently reliant on a handicapped parking placard or plate for their vehicle should notify the project team immediately so accommodations can be made to minimize the inconvenience. **Residents must display current vehicle stickers.** During prior road projects, some residents have successfully "driveway shared" with a neighbor across the street or a backyard neighbor while their driveway was out of service.

Concrete reconstruction requires the removal and replacement of all driveway aprons, within the Village right-of-way. Existing concrete aprons will be replaced with new concrete aprons. Existing asphalt driveways will be replaced with concrete. For brick paver aprons the contractor will remove and reinstall the same bricks to the best of their ability. New concrete aprons will meet the width of the existing driveway at the sidewalk and taper three feet (3') on both sides at the curb line where possible, per **Municipal Code 8-2-8 (Driveway Aprons)**. Brick aprons will generally match the same size/shape as the existing condition.

Private Facilities/Landscaping within the Village Right-of-Way

The Village-owned right-of-way encompasses 66', or 33' in both directions from the street center line. Private systems (i.e. electric fences, sprinkler systems, landscaping improvements) are sometimes located within this public right-of-way, often underground, with permission from the Village. These systems are the sole responsibility of the homeowner per **Municipal Code 8-2-9: Private Improvements in the Public Right of Way**. The Village has required the general contractor to repair any damages to these systems as part of the project contract.

Residents are encouraged to mark any private systems with flags and spray paint prior to the project start date. To be safe, the Village recommends marking any systems within the entire right-of-way, and those within five feet (5') of any sidewalk, curb, or driveway. The contractors will do their best to not cause damage to your private system if it is marked. Please contact the project resident engineer to make the engineer aware of any private facilities in the parkway.

Residents who need to replace their water or sewer service lines are recommended to complete the work prior to the placement of the new concrete pavement. The Village may be able to waive certain permit fees related to pavement restoration work since the road is being reconstructed. The reduced work to restore the street also leads to a reduced construction cost

for the service line work from the contractors. Please contact Village Engineer Jeff Koza to discuss your sewer or water line replacement plans as soon as possible. A permit from the Village will be required for sewer or water line replacement work.

Construction Impacts

The construction process is an inconvenience to residents. There will be construction noise and dust generated by the project. At times there will be traffic delays on the street and nearby adjacent streets due to the construction work. The reconstruction process typically involves constructing ½ the road at a time. Thus, during construction Harvey Avenue will be reduced to one lane of southbound traffic only. Construction noise will only occur during the Village's construction working hours which are 7:30 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday. Weekend work is generally not anticipated for this project. Saw cutting for new concrete pavement joints may need to occur outside of working hours. The project team will advise residents if this need arises. The project team will work with the contractor to minimize the spread of construction dirt/dust. Mail service and garbage pickup will not be interrupted. Place your garbage and recycling bins out Wednesday evening for Thursday pickup. Street parking will generally not be allowed on the street during the project.

Parkway Trees

The Village's Forestry Department has identified several parkway trees for removal. The work has been included in this project. Parkway trees that are removed are expected to be replaced after the project is complete under the Village's tree planting program. Parkway trees that are to be removed will be marked by the project team. A vast majority of the parkway trees will remain and those to remain will be protected during the construction project.

Village Project Team Contact Information

For immediate construction concerns and issues please contact the Village's consultant HR Green. HR Green will be providing construction management and oversight on the project on behalf of the Village. The project contact from HR Green is Kevin Berry, PE and he can be reached at 815-509-5268 or via email at kberry@hrgreen.com. For general project questions or concerns please contact the Village's Director of Engineering Services/Village Engineer Jeff Koza, PE at 708-246-1800 ext. 202 or email jkoza@wsprings.com.

Sincerely,
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