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Subject: 7/14/2023 Project Construction Update #10 for 2023 Cypress & Douglas Fir Drive Improvements - Baxter FW: Public Service Announcement - HIGHLAND SCENIC ROAD (CSAH 48) CLOSING FROM CHESTNUT DRIVE TO BERRYWOOD DRIVE

Project Stakeholders,

Thank you again for your patience during the construction phase, now and looking forward.

Project Contact Information

During construction, please initially attempt to contact either Alex Bitter – WIDSETH Construction Engineer at 218.316.3627, alex.bitter@widseth.com or Chris Satterlund – WIDSETH Construction Observer at 218.821.3940, chris.satterlund@widseth.com with any questions or concerns with the daily construction activity, access, etc. Alex B. and or Chris is on site during active construction and communicate directly with everyone on the construction team on a daily basis.

If you are unable to reach Alex B. or Chris in the field, please contact Scott Hedlund at 612.865.3509, shedlund@sehinc.com or Alex Voit at 218.821.0085, avoit@sehinc.com in the SEH office.

The 24-hour emergency contact for the construction prime Contractor is: Mitch Torborg, Project Manager, Kraemer Trucking & Excavating, Inc, 320.249.5621, mitcht@kraemer-inc.com.

7/14/2023 Project Update

- Contractor (KTE and their subcontractors) construction activity the week of July 10th has included:
 - Underground pipework behind the Highland Scenic Apartments and on the north side of Hinckley Road east of Cypress Drive;
 - Trail grading along the east side of existing Cypress Drive, north side of Hinckley Road, and north from Hinckley Road to Berrywood Park;
 - Irrigation system repairs along Cypress Drive between College Road and Hinckley Road;
 - Road grading along Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and Highland Scenic Road;
 - Hauling in fill material off Highland Scenic Road at Cypress Drive;
 - Bituminous paving the first lifts on existing Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and College Road and on Douglas Fir Drive south from Hinckley Road;
 - Set up Phase 2 traffic control and detour for the closure of Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48) from approximately 100 feet east of Chestnut Drive to approximately 500 feet east of Berrywood Drive;
 - Full depth reclamation (FDR) of the existing bituminous pavement on Highland Scenic Road.
- For the weeks of July 17th and 24th, the Contractor has advised they will primarily be focusing on grading activities, subject to change, including:
 - Moving the reclaim base material from Highland Scenic Road to Cypress Drive south of Hinckley Road
 - Grading and placing aggregate base on the trails along the east side of existing Cypress Drive, north side of Hinckley Road, and north from Hinckley Road to Berrywood Park.
 - Hauling in fill material in the vicinity of the roundabout along Highland Scenic Road.
 - Manhole and water gate valve castings are planned to be raised the week of July 17th.

- Underground pipe work at the roundabout is planned to begin the week of July 24th.
- Private utility company (electric, gas, communications) relocation work remains nearly complete. Work remaining includes a segment on the east side of Cypress Drive between Hinckley and Hastings Road and on the north side of the intersection of Cypress Drive and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48). This week Crow Wing Power moved a transformer on the north side of Hinckley Road in connection with relocation of a fire hydrant related to trail construction.
- WiDSETH and SEH (the City's consulting engineering team for the project) continue to be regularly on site observing Contractor construction progress. There has been and will continue to be ongoing periodic survey crew activity by WiDSETH, installing wood lath with paint/ribbons. The private utility companies have been and will continue marking their buried facilities with flags and paint throughout the project. Please do not disturb the survey stakes and utility flags as they are necessary for assisting with construction activities and for safety.

7/14/2023 Traffic Control Update

- The Contractor started construction of Phase 2 on Thursday, July 13th. Phase 2 includes the planned 50-day hard closure of Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48) from approximately 100 feet east of Chestnut Drive to approximately 500 feet east of Berrywood Drive. The purpose of the closure is for construction of the roundabout at Cypress Drive. There are posted detour routes for both eastbound and westbound traffic on Highland Scenic Road. The Berrywood Drive access to Highland Scenic Road is also closed off during Phase 2.
- Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and College Road is planned to remain closed to all traffic until construction is complete this fall.
- The Hinckley Road/ Douglas Fir Drive intersection is currently only open to Lindar Corporation truck traffic and Pinehurst Apartments construction personnel traffic. Special guide signs will remain in place during Phase 1 to assist with maintaining access to businesses and residences.
 - Note that there will be short durations of time when the Hinckley Road/Douglas Fir Drive intersection will be temporarily impassible (such as during concrete pours and paving activities). During these periods there will be a construction worker/flagger stopping traffic temporarily until the way is clear again.
- The Contractor is continuing to work on the future road corridors of Douglas Fir Drive south of Hinckley Road and Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48). These areas are off existing roads and will not directly affect traffic.
- Overall project completion of construction is planned for October 2023.

Please convey this information to others in your organization, co-workers, customers, tenants, etc. Please forward me any additional email addresses you'd like me to include on **future project updates** as they **will continue to be conveyed by email and project website postings only**.

Project Website → <https://www.sehinc.com/baxter2023cypress>

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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