

## Scott Hedlund

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**Subject:** 8/8/2023 Project Construction Update #13 for 2023 Cypress & Douglas Fir Drive Improvements - Baxter

Project Stakeholders,

Thank you for your continued patience during the construction phase.

### Project Contact Information

During construction, please initially attempt to contact either Alex Bitter – WIDSETH Construction Engineer at 218.316.3627, [alex.bitter@widseth.com](mailto:alex.bitter@widseth.com) or Chris Satterlund – WIDSETH Construction Observer at 218.821.3940, [chris.satterlund@widseth.com](mailto: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](mailto:shedlund@sehinc.com) or Alex Voit at 218.821.0085, [avoit@sehinc.com](mailto: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](mailto:mitcht@kraemer-inc.com).

### 8/8/2023 Project Update

- Contractor (KTE and their subcontractors) construction activity the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> has included:
  - Ongoing grading and placement of aggregate base along Highland Scenic Road;
  - Topsoil placement along Douglas Fir Drive;
  - Irrigation system repairs along Cypress Drive between College Road and Hinckley Road, and along Hinckley Road;
  - Paving of the trail along Cypress Drive between College Road and Hinckley Road;
  - Miscellaneous concrete work.
- For the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Contractor has advised the following activities are planned:
  - Concrete curb placement along Cypress Drive south of Hinckley Road and on Highland Scenic Road, followed by flat work;
  - Topsoil placement;
  - Fine grading aggregate base on Cypress Drive south of Hinckley Road and on Highland Scenic Road.
- Activities planned for the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> include:
  - Fine grading of aggregate and reclaim base followed by paving of the initial lifts of bituminous surfacing on Cypress Drive south of Hinckley Road and on Highland Scenic Road.
- Private utility company (electric, gas, communications) relocation directly related to the project is complete. There is ongoing utility upgrade work by Crow Wing Power along CSAH 48 that was planned to occur while the road is closed for safety and convenience reasons but isn't directly related to the City's road project.

- 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.

## 8/8/2023 Traffic Control Update

- The hard closure of Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48) to all traffic from approximately 100 feet east of Chestnut Drive to approximately 500 feet east of Berrywood Drive is planned to continue through August. There are posted detour routes for both eastbound and westbound traffic on Highland Scenic Road.
- The Berrywood Drive access to Highland Scenic Road is planned to remain closed until construction is complete this fall.
- Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and College Road is planned to remain closed to all traffic until construction is complete this fall.
- The Douglas Fir Drive south of Hastings Road and Hinckley Road between Cypress Drive and Douglas Fir Drive is currently only open to local traffic.
  - Note that there will be short durations of time when the Hinckley Road/Douglas Fir Drive intersection will be temporarily impassible (such as during final paving and striping 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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