

## Scott Hedlund

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**Subject:** 9/15/2023 Project Construction Update for 2023 Cypress Drive & Douglas Fir Drive Improvements project - Baxter

Project Stakeholders,

Thank you for your continued patience during the construction phase. **Cypress Drive is planned to be open to traffic by mid next week!**

### 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).

### 9/15/2023 Project Update

- Contractor (KTE and their subcontractors) construction activity since the last update has included:
  - Topsoil fine grading and final seeding, and cleanup/re-seeding areas impacted by recent heavy rains;
  - Permanent street lighting;
  - Final lift paving on Cypress Drive;
  - Permanent signs.
- Activities planned for the weeks of September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> include:
  - Finish permanent street lights, permanent signs, and final pavement markings on, and open Cypress Drive back up to traffic by early the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>;
    - The barricades will be removed when the road is ready to reopen.
  - Final paving on Douglas Fir Drive late the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>;
  - Final pavement markings on Douglas Fir Drive the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>;
  - Paving the Cypress Court Apartments driveway off Hinckley Road the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>;
  - Permanent lighting at the roundabout;
  - Miscellaneous punch list work.
- The goal is to complete all construction work before the end of September.
- WIDSETH and SEH (the City's consulting engineering team for the project) continue to be regularly on site observing Contractor construction progress during active construction activities. 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. The Contractor, City, and SEH/WIDSETH team have and will continue to be removing lath and utility flags when they are no longer needed.

## 9/15/2023 Traffic Control Update

- Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48) is and will remain open to vehicular on-traffic
  - Note, the trails at the roundabout are NOT open to the public yet.
    - Please avoid the trails until the closure signs and barricades have been removed.
- The Berrywood Drive access to Highland Scenic Road is open to traffic.
- **Cypress Drive between College Road and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48) is planned to re-open to traffic by mid next week.**
  - Note, the trails along Cypress Drive, and along and north from Hinckley Road, are also NOT open to the public yet.
    - Please avoid the trails until the closure signs and barricades have been removed.
- The Douglas Fir Drive south of Hinckley Road is planned to remain open to local traffic only until final paving and pavement marking work is complete
  - This area is anticipated to fully reopen before the end of September;
  - The remaining construction on Douglas Fir Drive will be completed under traffic.

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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