

Co. Road 131: Street and Utility Improvements

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Dear Property Owner,

As you are likely aware, the City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County have been developing street and utility improvement project, for the last 10 months, for a portion of Co. Road 131. In general the project will include installation of sanitary sewer and watermain, along with roadway reconstruction. The project area will include Co. Road 131, between Stoney Road and Hwy 59, and a short portion of the Hwy 59 Frontage Road in front of the Foltz Trucking maintenance shop. This is a cooperative project between the City of Detroit Lakes and Becker County, however, the City has taken the primary role in the project/construction administration. The project has been bid and the construction contract has been awarded to Sellin Brothers of Hawley, Minnesota. Construction work will begin tomorrow and continue until the end of October. The following are a few construction details that we would like you to be aware of.



Project Summary

The project will include the following components...

- **Installation of sanitary sewer and watermain Infrastructure:** This will include the installation of service laterals to all adjacent properties. Service laterals will be extended from the mains to the end of the right-of-way for future connection to your home or business.
 - We will be contacting adjacent properties to discuss placement of the service lateral locations that are most beneficial/convenient as the project progresses.
 - You will not be required to connect to City sewer/water unless you currently within the City limits. Most properties are not currently in the City limits.
 - It is your responsibility to install the connection from your service laterals to your homes/well/septic at which time you connect to these services. You must request annexation into the City if you would like to connect to these services.
- **Street reconstruction:** The existing roadway is in poor condition and will need to be removed to facilitate the installation of the underground utilities. The new roadway will include a 26' wide rural section (no curb and gutter) pavement surface with an additional 4' of gravel shoulder. This is similar to the section of North Tower Road, east of the project area.
- **Stormwater Drainage:** The stormwater drainage system will be replaced with a similar system. This will include regrading of ditches and replacement of culverts. In some locations ditch checks will be installed which are designed to hold and infiltrate stormwater within the ditches, rather than simply passing it down stream. These improvements are required to comply with current regulations set forth by the Pelican River Watershed District.

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Project Schedule & Prosecution

The following is a general summary of the project scheduled and construction activity...

- ➔ The contractor will begin pavement removal on Wednesday September 5th. This will be accomplished by a reclamation process that grinds the existing pavement and underlying base material into a gravel-like surface. The contractor will grade and compact the material closely behind the reclamation operation. The material will be left in place thought much of the project area as a temporary road surface, and be removed as progress requires.
- ➔ Later this week, the contractor will begin sub-cutting the east of the project area. This process involves removing about 10' of the street to reduce the trenching depth required for the sanitary sewer installation. The sewer at the east end of the project will be +/-30' below the existing roadway surface. There will be no vehicle traffic through this area for the next several weeks.
- ➔ The Contractor will start the installation of the sanitary sewer early next week. It will take a little less than two weeks to install the sewer through the project area. This will progress from the east end of the project to the west.
- ➔ Watermain installation will follow the sewer installation. Again, this will progress from the east end of the project to the west. This will last another week or so and be completed near the end of September.
- ➔ Service laterals will be completed after the mainline sewer and water is done. This will take less than a week and should be completed by the early part of October.
- ➔ Street grading will start after the completion of the underground utilities. This will include shaping/grading of ditches, culvert installation, and preparation of the roadway for paving.
- ➔ Paving will be completed towards the later part of October. Only the initial lower lift of pavement will be constructed this year. The final (upper lift) will be constructed in the spring of 2019.
- ➔ The project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of October this year. Again there will be some minor final construction in the spring of 2019.
- ➔ Turf restoration will be completed near the end of the project this fall. All disturbed areas will be seeded and hydro mulched. It will take well into next summer for the turf to reestablish in these areas. Please be patient while this happens. The new turf will require your assistance to ensure proper long-term growth. The Contractor will assist in watering initially, but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the property owner. Your assistance with re-establishing turf is greatly appreciated. You can help by mowing and watering as needed. Further information will be provide at a future date.
- ➔ The Contractor will generally work Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (or slightly later as needed). There may be some Saturday work if there are weather delays or if they are falling behind schedule.

➔ Impacts to Access and Services

This portion of Co. Road 131 will be closed to thru traffic during the construction project. A detour will be established around the project on Hillcrest and Stoney Roads. Adjacent properties will generally be able to access their properties within the project area (particularly in the morning and at night).

There will be intermittent access interruptions within the project area. As construction progresses, access to driveways will be blocked for short periods, lasting several hours. We will do our very best to inform property owners as this occurs. However, you will likely have some unexpected

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shifts in the access routes. Please contact project staff with questions.

Continue with your normal process for garbage collection. We will work with haulers to ensure it is collected without interruption. If you have issues with garbage collection please let us know and we will work to resolve the issue.

Existing mailboxes will be removed and a temporary mailbox bank will be installed along the Hwy 59 Frontage Road. Please pick up your mail at this location as soon as it has been established. Further information will be provided once this is in-place. Boxes will be reinstalled at their original locations upon completion of the work.

We are not aware of any direct impacts to school bussing pick-up/drop-off. Please contact project staff if you believe this will be an issue.

► General Comments and Reminders

Keep in mind that construction timelines and schedules frequently change due to a verity of factors. We will update residents accordingly if that should happen.

If you have an underground sprinkler system please make sure you notify project staff. We

are typically able to protect, temporarily remove, and/or avoid damage to these systems if we know where they are. Otherwise there is a good chance that they will be damaged by construction activity.

Please obey all traffic/warning signs, detours, safety fences, etc. They are there for your protection and the protection of construction staff. And, please do not disturb any construction stakes or utility locate flags. They are there to help us construct the improvements properly and to avoid accidental damage to utilities (such as electrical, phone, cable, and internet). We will remove the stakes and flags once they are no longer needed.

► Our Thanks

We know construction can create some inconvenience and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this project. We will do what we can to try make the project as smooth as possible. The Contractor and the City/County, will have representatives onsite at all times. These representatives will do their best to keep you informed and updated on the construction. They will also be coordinating any interruption to access or other construction impacts. Please feel free to contact any of the project staff listed below if you have any issues, concerns, or questions.

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