



## CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

The City is proceeding with the reconstruction of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from Southview Boulevard to Park Street this summer. The project includes the full street reconstruction, main line watermain replacement, and water service line replacement to the curb stop. The contractor, Douglas-Kerr Underground is expected to begin construction on Monday, April 22, 2019. The project has been split up into phases to limit the number of impacted properties for each watermain shut-off and the length of the major construction impacts in front of each property.

The advanced signage of the road closure was installed earlier this week to inform motorists of the closure. Work will begin on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue by Southview Boulevard and move south. The roadway will be closed to through traffic during construction and on-street parking on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue within the area of construction will **not** be allowed. The initial full closure will be from Southview Boulevard through the 7<sup>th</sup> Street South intersection. Traffic will be detoured at Southview Boulevard and 8<sup>th</sup> Street South over to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Access to driveways will be maintained throughout the project as well as emergency vehicle access. Limiting traffic in the project area provides increased safety for the construction crews and the public and also allows the project to be completed in a shorter amount of time.

If you are located south of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street intersection your impacts at this time will be largely limited to using the detour route for travel. Residents north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be impacted by the detour and the construction starting in the area on Monday.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

The first work that will occur will be the installation of traffic control and erosion control starting early Monday morning. Equipment will also begin to be mobilized to the roadway Monday morning and we would expect the breakup of the concrete roadway to begin Monday afternoon. The Contractor will be bringing in a machine that will break up the existing concrete pavement into smaller pieces while leaving them in place on the roadway. These smaller pieces will then be loaded into trucks and hauled away in preparation of the pipe work beginning. We expect the watermain replacement work will begin the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> and that work will begin at Southview Boulevard and move south. **Residents will be notified of the scheduled water shut-offs that are necessary to connect the new watermain into our existing system in advance of the shut-down.** The scheduled shutdowns will typically only be for one day at a time with water service reestablished before the Contractor leaves for the day. The Contractor will be working around the active watermain facilities while they are installing the new watermain. When working around these live facilities there is always the possibility that a line could be hit or damaged which would require an emergency shutdown of the water system. **If this occurs we will not be able to provide notice as these shut-downs are not planned.** We would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in those cases.


## OTHER IMPORTANT WATERMAIN INFORMATION

The City has sent out letters to all properties along the roadway informing residents of the existence of lead water services in the project area. There are specifically listed properties on those notices that have a probable lead service, but there may be others that we are unaware of. As the Contractor is performing the watermain work, we will determine the material type for each water service as we encounter it. If we encounter any indication of a lead water service to a property, that property owner will be notified. The City will be replacing every water service from the City's main to the curb stop as part of the project, any replacement or work on the service from the curb stop to the house is the responsibility of the property owner. If a lead service exists to a residence, we would strongly recommend the property owner replace the remaining portion of the water service. However, the decision to replace is up to each property owner. Should you choose to replace your service, each property owner would need to obtain a Contractor for completing the work of replacing their water service from the curb stop to the house. **The City does have programs at this time to help residents with the cost of replacing lead services, and due the impacts of our construction project you will likely be able to replace the service at less cost at this time rather than in the future after the road work is done.** If you have any questions on lead water services or if you would like more information on the cost saving programs the City has at this time, please call the City Engineer at the number below or look on the City's website.

## SAFETY FIRST

With construction getting ready to begin, we want to remind you to use caution around the work site during the construction. Large and small construction equipment will be working in the area during the street improvements and it can be a powerful draw to curious children. Your assistance in reminding children to stay clear of construction equipment is helpful in maintaining a safe environment. Your patience and cooperation during this construction is appreciated.

## PROJECT CONTACTS & INFORMATION

- Property owners with questions about the project should call the project representatives – Lee Elfering, City Engineer, at (651) 554-3210, Tom Madigan (Lead Inspector) at (651) 554-3212, or Mat Steely (Inspector) at (612) 636-7825 for construction related questions or concerns, during the hours the Contractor is working. After hours or on the weekends you can leave a message to receive a follow up call on the next business day or in an emergency please call 911. 
- The project website used during the design phase of the project is being updated and will be used for posting construction notices and relevant information. The website address is <https://5thaves.com/>

