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RE: 157th Lane NW Overlay

Dear Property Owners,

This letter is intended to update you on the status of the project in your neighborhood. While the work is substantially complete, assessments have been levied, and the contractor has received final payment, the City still holds a one year warranty on the work. We have received some complaints regarding workmanship on this project, and continue to investigate the matter with the contractor. We have met with some of the property owners in the neighborhood on an individual basis, and continue to seek your input.

Some of the items of concern include:

- Turf restoration and drainage in and around the culvert installation. The contractor is aware of this issue and is working to complete the required restoration; this item is included on their punchlist for corrective action.
- Loss of curb in some locations due to the overlay. We have received similar complaints on overlay projects that take place on roadways with an existing bituminous curb. The City will be reviewing our process on all overlay projects in the future in an attempt to address this matter. We will also be reviewing this particular matter with the contractor to investigate whether we can correct the concerns on this project; particularly in areas where it may cause an erosion concern.
- Lack of erosion control (rip-rap) at the spillway on the end of the cul-de-sac. This work was outside the scope of the roadway project, and the City will be placing rip-rap in this location once the curb revisions have been addressed in the spring.
- Compaction of the asphalt at the gutter line. The City has reviewed this matter and we are confident that the compaction meets the project specifications. The contractor instituted the use of rubber tire rollers in these sensitive locations to avoid additional damage to the curb.
- Centerline offset of the pavement. We have discussed this issue with the contractor, and there are a couple of locations where this may be a concern. We will review again in the spring and work with the contractor to correct.
- Thickness of the pavement that was placed. The City has conducted pavement corings of the roadway, and reviewed the load tickets from the project, to determine that the required asphalt thickness (1 ½") was met.

I seek your assistance to provide me with any additional concerns that you may have regarding this project so I can thoroughly investigate them. Be assured that I will continue to monitor all issues brought to my attention in an effort to address them, as it is ultimately my responsibility to ensure that all projects completed in the City of Ramsey are completed to project specifications and City standards. I welcome your input on this matter and am available to document and respond to your concerns. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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