

City of Ramsey 2011 Road Construction

Project: Dysprosium Street Reconstruction

Project ID: City Improvement project #09-25, State Aid Project 199-110-006

Construction Description: The City of Ramsey will be reconstructing Dysprosium Street NW, between Bunker Lake Boulevard and Nowthen Boulevard, beginning in the summer of 2011. This roadway has been in poor condition for a number of years. Uncertainty regarding its status as a collector or arterial street has been the primary reason for postponing costly work on this segment. In addition, it was desired to include improvements that would change the character of this residential neighborhood, and enhance safety and walk-ability within the Flintwood Hills neighborhood. The proposed improvements include narrowing the pavement and restricting parking on the east side of the street, reconstructing the entire pavement section including concrete curb & gutter, adding six foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the street, adding chokers at prescribed locations for traffic calming and narrower pedestrian crossings, improved drainage with the addition of storm sewer and catch basins, the replacement of older undersized watermain, and the installing of street lighting and boulevard trees.

Start Date: July 18, 2011

End Date: October 14, 2011

How traffic is affected: The existing roadways will be open to traffic at all times throughout the project duration, but with all construction projects delays should be anticipated. We will do our best to ensure the project is completed as expeditiously as possible, and delays are limited to the extent possible. If there are any unavoidable interruptions to access at a particular location, those specific individuals will be contacted directly.

Project benefits: Revised neighborhood character to a more residential setting; including reduced pavement width for traffic calming, improved pedestrian connections, and boulevard lighting and trees. Utility improvements are also being incorporated for improved drainage, and better water distribution through the area.

Construction Update (10/28/11): This week saw the installation of the remaining boulevard improvements; including trees, and sod. The contractor is responsible to water these items for 30 days, after which time they become the property owner's responsibility to maintain. The public utilities in the street (gate valves and manholes) have been raised, and spot concrete replacements completed. No parking signs have been placed along Dysprosium because the contractor will be sweeping the roadway on Sunday, in anticipation of installing the final lift of asphalt on Monday. Outstanding irrigation repairs will also be corrected the beginning of next week, and roadway striping is scheduled for the middle of the week. There may still be private utility lines (phone and cable) lying on the ground in some locations and I have contacted those providers to inquire about their schedule to address. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding through the inconveniences of this construction project. As always, feel free to contact the City Engineer if you have any questions or concerns.

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