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Waldo Blvd Construction Update (8/29/19)

Hello all,

Here is an update on the recent and upcoming happenings along the Waldo Boulevard project.

- Crews have recently finished most of the underground work (storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and water main) along the project. There are still some minor items that need to be addressed, mostly on the south side of Waldo Boulevard. Many of these items cannot be completed until the existing sidewalk is removed, which will not happen until the sidewalk on the north side of the roadway is completed around the end of September.
- Many of you have noticed, but along with the lights that have been put up in the boulevard east of 8th Street, trees have been replanted as well. There are 13 different species of trees being planted along the project, for a combined total of 100 trees.
- Last week, and earlier this week, crews completed the excavation and base aggregate placement along Waldo Boulevard in preparation for concrete paving.
- Tomorrow (weather dependent), the contractor plans to pour concrete pavement from 8th St west to 14th St in the westbound lanes. During the day tomorrow, and until mid-morning on Saturday morning, there will be no traffic allowed to cross Waldo Boulevard at 11th Street. Please plan accordingly.
- Next week, crews will be in to start grading and pouring for sidewalk on the north side of the roadway, starting at 8th Street working west. Additionally, work will continue with the street lighting and traffic signals at both 8th St and 11th St.

Many of you have already had at least a portion of your lawn restored with either sod or grass seed. Here are some tips to ensure your new lawn grows well:

- Watering of your lawn, especially during dry stretches, is very important. Note: the contractor is responsible for watering the sodded areas for 30 days from placement, but they are not responsible for the seeded areas.
- Stay off the freshly restored areas until rain, and time, have allowed them to firm up.
- Do not cut your lawn until it has reached a height of 4-inches.
- Do not cut your lawn to a height of less than 3-inches for the remainder of the fall, or at least for the first several mowings.
- Because the topsoil is soft, please do not cut your new lawn when the ground is wet.

Lastly, there have been some questions about timeline for opening the roadway east of 8th Street. At this point, there is no plan to open any portion of the roadway until the entire project is complete in November.