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Re: TH 65 West Backage Road and South of Constance Boulevard

The City of Ham Lake is planning to construct a new roadway,  $162^{nd}$  Lane NE, on the south side of Constance Blvd NE near Central Ave. NE (TH 65 West Backage Road). As part of this project, the alignment of Buchanan St. NE will also be adjusted to connect properly with the new roadway layout. Before construction begins on this site, surveying and wetland delineation work will be conducted to support project planning. While the construction schedule has not yet been determined, the project is intended to improve local traffic circulation and safety in this area.

The contacts for Survey/Wetland delineation from Widseth are as follows:

Kelly Jordan – Land Surveyor (651) 358-2343 Sydney McAllister – Environmental Technician (651) 358-2362

Widseth has been locating and marking utilities such as electric, gas, telephone, and cable TV. Please do not move or destroy any flags, stakes, or markings. This will allow the contractor to get an accurate location of the existing utilities and construction limits.

Property owners will be responsible for any required removals from the right-of-way (33-feet from the center of the road) and the drainage and utility easement (43-feet from the center of the road). The construction limits will vary throughout the project. It is encouraged to coordinate with the contractor concerning any items that cannot be relocated prior to the start of construction. A practical effort will be made to save bushes, trees, fences, etc. located in the right-of-way. However, if these items are required to be removed by the contractor, no replacement, reinstallation, or compensation will be offered by the City.

Mailboxes in the project area will be relocated by the Contractor at a location agreed upon between the post office and the Contractor. If your mailbox is removed, the Contractor will re-install your mailbox at the end of the project.

The project aims to eliminate the confusing intersection layout on the west side of TH 65 by constructing a new realigned roadway that will provide a safer and more efficient connection for local traffic. Constance Blvd. will not be upgraded or reconstructed with this project. Care will be taken during the construction process to ensure that traffic through the project is affected minimally. Please use caution when approaching running machinery and await eye contact or a hand signal prior to passing for the safety of all parties.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns with the project, or are aware of any specific issues, please contact me at 763-862-8000 or ychoi@rfcengineering.com. Throughout construction, the resident portion of the City of Ham Lake's Webpage will be updated with project notices and status updates. Please feel free to navigate to <a href="https://www.hamlakemn.gov">https://www.hamlakemn.gov</a> and select Ham Lake Street Construction Projects under "West Backage Road South of Constance Boulevard".

Sincerely,

RFC Engineering, Inc.

Chris Choi

Project Engineer, EIT