



City of South Haven

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North Shore Drive Reconstruction Project

Dyckman Avenue to Baseline Road

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What are the project limits?

North Shore Drive - Dyckman Avenue to Baseline Road & Dyckman Avenue - Park Street to North Shore Drive

2. What is the scope of the project ?

The project will include complete reconstruction of the roadway to accommodate on-street parking, new sidewalks, replacement of the sanitary sewer mains and services, construction of new storm sewers, minor water main work, new street trees and landscaping, relocation and upgrades to the electric utilities, and beach access improvements.

3. What is the project schedule?

The project will be completed in two phases:

Phase 1 Dyckman Avenue – Park Street to North Shore Drive

Construction Start Date: On or after September 6, 2016

Construction Completion Date: September 30, 2016

Phase 2 North Shore Drive – Dyckman Avenue to Brockway Avenue

Construction Start Date: October 1, 2016

Construction Completion Date: May 31, 2017

Phase 2 North Shore Drive – Brockway Avenue to Baseline Road

Construction Start Date: On or after September 5, 2017

Construction Completion Date: May 31, 2018

4. How much will this cost me?

The city typically levies a special assessment for 25% of the cost of sanitary sewer and water main construction. The special assessments will be limited to work that directly benefits customers that are connected to the mains being reconstructed. Typically, the special assessment amounts are based on actual bid costs. We have an Engineer's Estimate of costs at this time. The water system improvements consist of minor connections and services which will

not be special assessed. The new sewer main will result in approximately \$150,000 of assessable costs or approximately \$1,500 per household. Residents in this area may also be required to pay for an assessment for the Black River Street lift station construction which could range from approximately \$300-500 per household. Special assessment amounts may be paid off in one lump sum or in a series of 15 annual payments plus interest. In addition, if you are experiencing a financial hardship, you may apply for a poverty exemption on an annual basis. Property owners with approved poverty exemptions will not be required to pay the annual special assessment amount during the year that they are exempt from property taxes.

5. Will the roadway width be changed?

The current roadway width varies from 31-37'. In order to meet current standards for Major Streets with on-street parallel parking, the pavement width will be widened to 41' - measured from the back of curb to back of curb. The net increase will be a 2-5' widening on each side of the road.

6. Will on-street parking remain on North Shore Drive with the new configuration?

As a result of the increase in roadway width to meet current standards, the city will be able to delineate parking spaces with pavement striping. Our analysis shows 156 unmarked parking spaces currently along North Shore Drive, and the proposed plan will designate 168 striped parking spaces – a net increase of 12 spaces.

7. Will bicycle lanes be added to the street?

On-street bicycle lanes are required to be a minimum of 5 feet on both sides of the street. Due to the widening that is already taking place to meet current standards and the desire to maintain a curb lawn on North Shore Drive, bicycle lanes will not be added at this time.

8. Will trees be removed in front of my house?

In late 2015, the city's arborist evaluated existing trees along the North Shore Drive corridor. Of the 81 existing trees, 16 were deemed to be unhealthy and were recommended for removal. In addition, 10 existing trees have been identified as in conflict with the construction work that will occur. A comprehensive streetscape plan has been prepared which includes 73 new street trees of 2-3" caliper that will be planted to replace these trees – a net increase of 47 trees.

9. Will Police/Fire have access to homes during the construction, should there be an emergency?

Public safety is of the utmost importance. We will be in regular contact with Public Safety officials to ensure that they are aware of the construction activities. Also, contractors are instructed to make sure that the road is passable at all times for emergency vehicles.

10. Will we be able to get to and use our driveways during the duration of the project?

The contractor will make every effort to provide access to driveways during the construction project. However, there will be times that access is restricted. Those are typically limited in duration to times that utility work is occurring in front of your house, and during restoration of concrete curb, driveways and sidewalks. The contract will include maintenance gravel to maintain a gravel surface to permit access to your home.

11. Will sidewalks be replaced?

Yes, sidewalks will be replaced for the entire length of North Shore Drive. In addition, sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to conform to the American Disabilities Act.

12. Will driveway approaches be replaced?

Yes, all driveway approaches within the project limits will be replaced with 6 inch non-reinforced concrete.

13. How will beach access sites be improved?

Four (4) beach access sites will be improved as a part of this project. The following will give a brief description of the improvements at each site.

Dyckman Avenue – New entrance sign, bicycle racks, trash receptacle, and landscaping.

Packard Park – New entrance sign, bicycle racks, trash receptacle, landscaping, asphalt overlay of the driveways and parking areas, and pavement markings.

Oak Street – New entrance sign, bicycle racks, trash receptacle, and landscaping.

Newcome Beach – New paved driveway/walkway, storm sewer improvements, bicycle racks and trash receptacle at the west end, and replacement of the wood deck and stairs.

14. Will I be without water during the construction project?

An existing 6 inch water main will be abandoned and services will be reconnected to the 12 inch main which runs under the west sidewalk. During this time residents will be without water for a short duration (one to two hours). Water shut offs will be coordinated with residents and door hangers will be distributed to the maximum extent possible so that we do not turn off your water unexpectedly.

15. How will my trash be picked up during the construction project?

On past projects we have asked residents to take their trash receptacle to the nearest side street when the job conditions make it difficult for garbage trucks to pick up trash within the construction site. If you need assistance with your trash receptacle please contact the site inspector for assistance.

16. Will I get a ticket for parking on the side streets overnight during the project?

In the past we have had projects extend into the period where overnight parking is prohibited on city streets. If this situation occurs on this project we will coordinate with the South Haven Police Department to allow overnight parking for those residents within the construction limits.

17. If I have an irrigation system that is damaged during the project whose responsibility is it to fix it?

The City will reimburse you to have the damaged irrigation system repaired by the contractor of your choosing. If you do not know any local contractors, we can provide a list of recommended vendors.

Who can I contact if I have any other questions?

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