



White Bear Lake Area Schools

Independent School District 624

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Dear Neighbor,

The Highway 61, 8th Street, and Division Avenue construction project is expected to occur from **June 10 - August 16**. All improvements are intended to address improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety. This project is a collaborative effort between White Bear Lake Area Schools, the City of White Bear Lake, MnDOT, and both MN Commercial Railway and BNSF Railway. As the work progresses, the contractor will provide updates to neighborhoods and specific addresses as needed and as possible. We will also provide updates on our district website at: www.isd624.org/about/building-our-future/project-updates-neighborhood

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Parking will not be allowed on the streets once construction begins. We recommend that you park in your driveway during construction hours, which are generally between 7am and 10pm. You will have access to your driveway at the end of each work day, with the exception of any curb repair/installation across the driveway. If a curb is installed across your driveway, you will not be able to use your driveway for **5 days** to allow the concrete to cure and on-street parking may be allowed. You will be notified if access to your driveway will be impacted by curb and gutter installation.

Residents should check their doors and mail regularly for specific information regarding work occurring in their construction area. The contractor will routinely notify you about upcoming work, particularly if the work will make your driveway inaccessible for most or part of the day. We will do our best to keep you informed on the progress.

Weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events can cause schedule changes. We will make every effort possible to notify residents as soon as possible.

SPRAY PAINT MARKINGS AND COLORED FLAGS

We locate where the underground utilities are buried before the excavation begins to protect your property against underground utility damage. Below is the APWA color code chart for marking underground utility lines:

 WHITE	- PROPOSED EXCAVATION	 ORANGE	- COMMUNICATION, ALARM OR SIGNAL LINES, CABLE OR CONDUIT
 PINK	- TEMPORARY SURVEY MARKINGS AND REMOVALS	 BLUE	- POTABLE WATER
 RED	- ELECTRIC POWER LINES, CABLES, CONDUIT AND LIGHTING CABLES	 PURPLE	- RECLAIMED WATER, IRRIGATION AND SLURRY LINES
 YELLOW	- GAS, OIL, STEAM, PETROLEUM OR GASEOUS MATERIALS	 GREEN	- SEWER AND DRAIN LINES

MAIL DELIVERY & GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK-UP

For all residents, there should not be any disruption to your mail during this project. If you experience any problems with mail delivery during construction, please contact the White Bear Lake Post Office.

Your garbage and recycling will be picked up as scheduled. Please continue to have your garbage and recycling curbside by **6:00am** on your regular scheduled pickup day. The hauler (Republic Services) will collect garbage and recycling in construction areas on schedule. Please report any missed pick-ups to: Utility Billing Clerk, Missy Hanson, at **(651) 429-8565**.

REMINDERS

Landscaping

Many homeowners have installed irrigation systems, invisible fencing, sump pump drains, and other landscape items (flower beds, rock gardens, shrubs, etc.) adjacent to the street. Because these private irrigation systems, fence systems and landscape items are within the City street right-of-way, they are potentially in the path of the construction project.

Homeowners are responsible for temporarily moving or relocating their own systems. This work should be taken care of before crews start working on your street. We suggest that you remove sprinkler heads and plug lines that are located within 15 feet of the existing street as well as pull the pipe ends up or mark them in some way so they can be easily seen. You will still be responsible for repairing any irrigation or fencing you have placed within the right-of-way, but these suggestions will minimize costs for replacing the systems later on.

Safety

Due to heavy truck traffic and general construction activity, we ask all parents to inform and make their children aware of the dangers of the construction sites. Please keep children a safe distance from all construction areas.

New asphalt is very hot (**approximately 300°F**) when placed. Parents should keep children and pets from walking or riding bikes on the new pavement until it cools. Please talk to your children and explain about the paving and that they should stay a safe distance from the construction equipment.

Access

During construction, you will have access to your driveway every day. Depending on the type of construction activity, there may be times when you will have limited access to your driveway. If you have specific times you need to leave your house during construction hours (7am to 10pm), then you may want to park your vehicle outside of the construction zone. If you pay attention to the construction happening outside and can be flexible, you will be able to park in your driveway/garage most days.

Please feel free to contact us to answer any questions you may have, now or during the construction process. We appreciate your cooperation during the construction and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

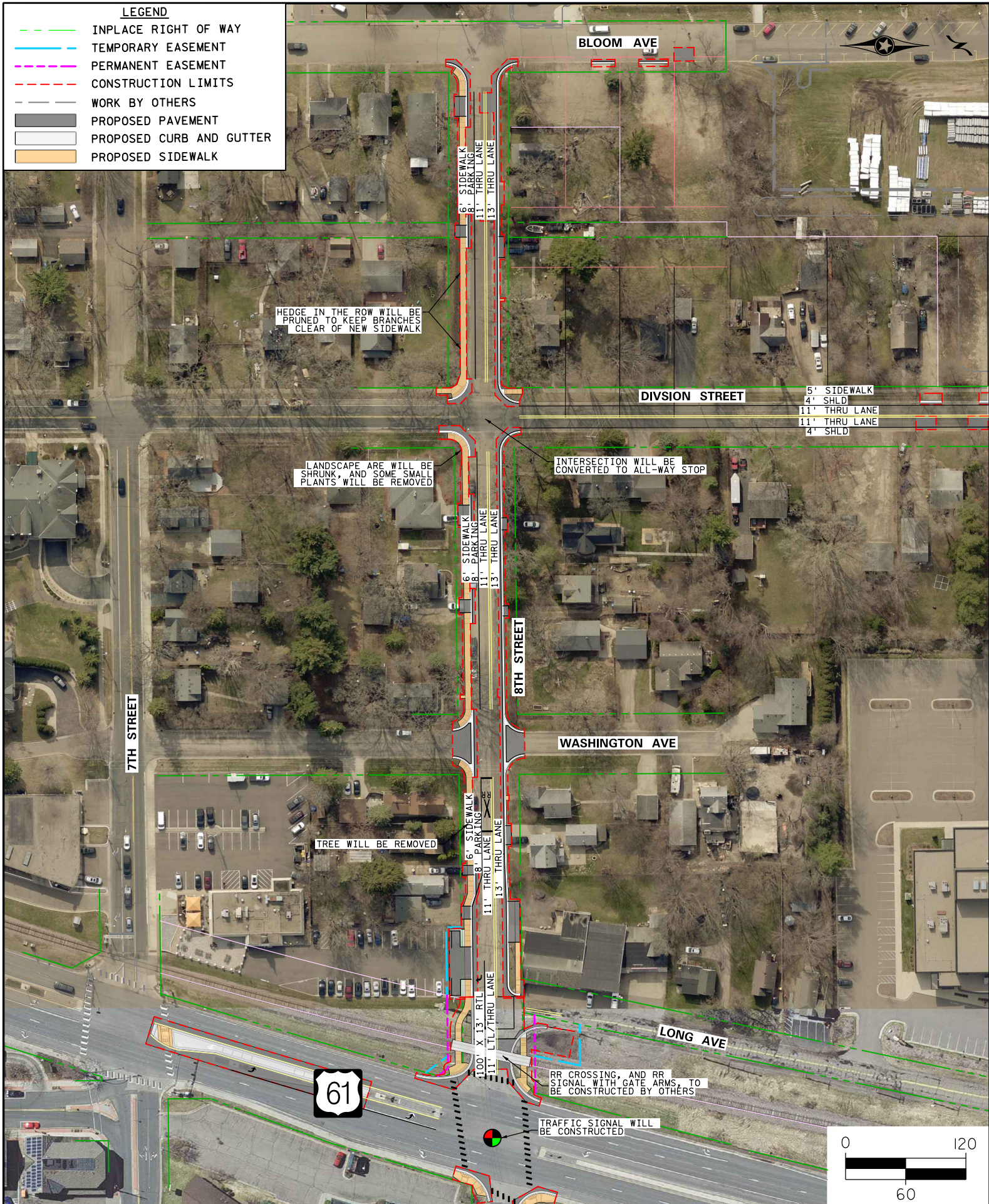
Sincerely,

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- WORK BY OTHERS
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CURB AND GUTTER
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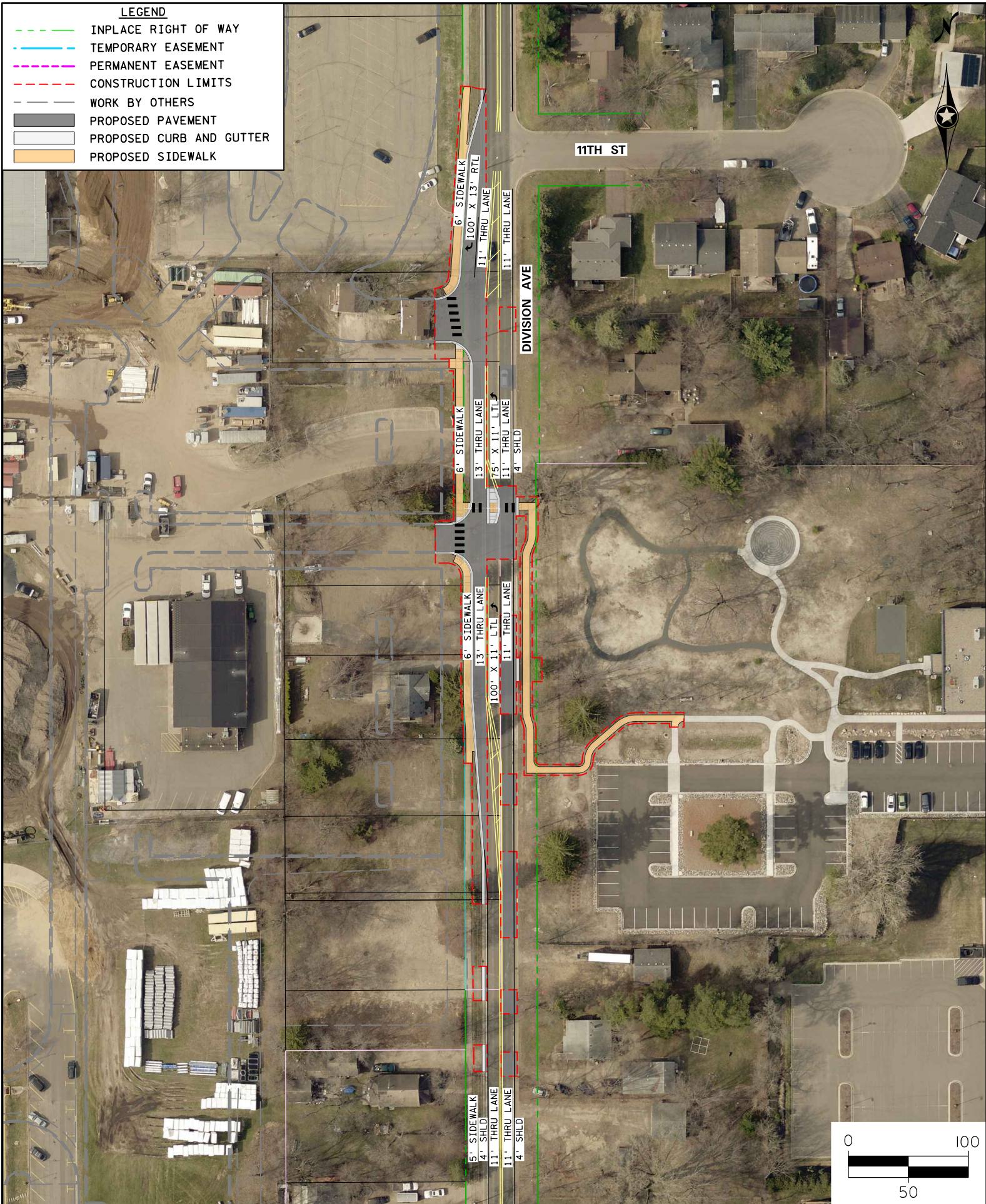
8TH STREET

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DIVISION AVENUE

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