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RAYMOND AVENUE PAVING PROJECT

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PROJECT SUPERVISOR, SCOTT BRIMER.....	651-266-6225
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION & STREET DESIGN.....	651-266-6080
PROJECT ENGINEER, BARB MUNDAHL	651-266-6112
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS 24-HOUR EMERGENCY	651-266-9700
SAINT PAUL ASSESSMENT OFFICE	651-266-8858
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS STREET LIGHTING.....	651-266-9777
SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES 24-HOUR EMERGENCY & COMPLAINTS	651-266-6874
SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES, GENERAL INFORMATION, GRAEME CHAPLE.....	651-266-6882
SAINT PAUL PARKS & FORESTRY, ZACH JORGENSEN.....	651-632-2436
XCEL ENERGY GAS DIVISION, MIKE MADIGAN	651-265-7068
XCEL ENERGY EMERGENCY	1-800-895-2999
METRO TRANSIT GENERAL INFORMATION.....	612-373-3333
PROJECT UPDATES	651-266-7623
RECYCLING HOT LINE.....	651-222-7678

July 28, 2015

Dear Raymond Avenue Resident:

This is to notify you that reconstruction for the **Raymond Avenue Paving Project** is scheduled for your neighborhood this summer. We hope to keep you updated on the progress of construction in your area and answer any questions you may have while construction activity is going on. In some cases, it may be necessary to contact other sources since there will be other utility companies also working in your area. Overall, we are sure the long-term benefits will exceed the inconveniences you will be faced with during construction.

The general contractor for this project is **Forest Lake Contracting, Inc., 14777 Lake Drive, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025. Forest Lake Contracting’s office number is 651-464-4500.** Forest Lake will also have several subcontractors working for them doing specialized work at various times during the project.

At this time, we anticipate Forest Lake Contracting starting roadway work on July 30th, **weather dependent.** Work on Raymond Avenue will be done in two stages. The first stage will be on Raymond Avenue between Hampden Avenue and south of Energy Park Drive. Energy Park Drive will remain open throughout the duration of the



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Minnesota State Fair. The detour for this stage will be Hwy. 280 between Territorial Road and Energy Park Drive.

The second stage will be on Energy Park Drive between Everett Court and about 250' west of Raymond Avenue. The detour for this stage will be Hwy. 280 between Territorial Road and Como Avenue.

Bus routes will be detoured as the project progresses. Access for pedestrians, bicycle traffic and emergency vehicles will be maintained throughout the project.

Forest Lake Contracting will replace all lead water services from the water main to the property line. This work will be done in conjunction with Forest Lake's street work.

Project Inspector Mike Van Beusekom from the City of Saint Paul will be overseeing all of the work on this project and working closely with the contractor. He is the closest link to problem-solving because he communicates with everyone on the construction site on a daily basis. **Mike's contact information is: (Cell) 651-775-6673 and (office) 651-266-6083.**

If you have **any landscaping items in the boulevard that you would like to save**, we suggest removing them as soon as possible and storing them until the sodding and boulevard/sidewalk work has been completed. Anything left in the boulevard will be removed and disposed of by the contractor. If you do not want topsoil or sod in your boulevard, please let the city inspector (Mike) know as soon as possible so that the contractor can be made aware of this change. If you do not tell us otherwise, you will automatically have topsoil and sod placed in your boulevard.

If you have a **brick driveway/outwalk or a special outwalk that you wish to save and reuse**, you should remove those features before the contractor begins work on your block. If you don't remove them, the contractor will remove them and dispose of the materials. If you want to reset the brick/special items instead of having a concrete driveway or outwalk, please let the city inspector know so that the contractor does not pour the concrete driveway or outwalk as is the standard.

WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Children are usually attracted by activity and heavy equipment. For safety reasons, we ask your help in keeping children away from the construction area since they cannot always be seen by workers intent on their jobs. There will be opportunities to watch from yards where it is safe.

The typical workday is 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During that time, **parking restrictions** may apply in some areas. Watch for signs to be posted if there are restrictions. During the evening hours from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and on weekends, parking will be allowed if job site conditions permit. Occasionally, the contractor may work past 6:00 p.m. or on a weekend. If it appears they are still working, we suggest parking at some other location until they cease operations for the day. In the event of an emergency so that you must park on the street during work hours, please leave your address on the dash so we can have you move your car if it is in the way.

Sod that is placed is guaranteed by our contractor for 30-days. Since **new sod requires frequent watering**, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in watering your new boulevard sod. After the **30-day-guarantee period** expires, the homeowner will be responsible for the maintenance of the sod in the boulevard. **We caution you not to do any fertilizing the first year.** However, after the first year it will be necessary to do additional fertilizing and frequent watering for three-to-four years until the sod is fully established.

If you wish to have concrete work performed on your property, the Public Works Sidewalk Division has a list of licensed and insured contractors. For a copy of that list, please call the **Public Works Sidewalk Division at 651-266-6120**.

During construction activity, temporary lights are installed when the lanterns are removed. Sometimes during construction the circuits for these temporary lights may be disrupted. Please call the **Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance Division at 651-266-9777** to report any outages you notice. A repair will be undertaken as soon as possible. These temporary street lights will be in use until the new street lighting system is energized.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system in the boulevard or public Right-of-Way (R.O.W.)**, it is your responsibility to remove the system before our contractor begins work, repair the system if the contractor damages it, and replace the system after the contractor has completed placing sod in the boulevard or R.O.W. Where there is no sidewalk, the sprinkler system should be removed two-to-three feet behind the R.O.W. or city property line.

During the course of the work, **there will be a period of time when access to your home by your driveway will be difficult and sometimes not possible**. Typically, this occurs with the beginning of the sub-grade correction work through the construction of your driveway apron, including adequate concrete curing time. You will receive further information on this as the work unfolds. Alley access will be maintained at all times.

Concrete driveway aprons will be constructed where legal driveways currently exist. The width will be ten (10) feet or will match the existing driveway width, whichever is greater. Existing walks from the residence to the public walk will be continued across the boulevard to the new curb. These outwalks will be three (3) feet wide, unless a wider poured concrete walk exists in the boulevard prior to construction work. Custom outwalks (colored, curved, flared, stamped, etc.) will be replaced with standard outwalks, placed perpendicular to the curb. No custom outwalks will be replaced in kind.

New outwalks shall be placed five (5) feet from existing trees, even if the existing outwalk is closer to the tree(s). This prevents damage to the tree and helps to reduce tree-heaved sidewalk panels in the future. Any questions you have regarding this policy should be addressed to the Construction Division prior to work beginning on your block.

The Construction Division will make every effort to keep you informed of all aspects of work on this project and to keep you current with the progress of the work. There are many variables affecting a construction schedule (i.e., weather, utility conflicts and upgrades) making it a rather unpredictable affair. We will give you our best projection of work planned for the next week. These **updates will be made available to you by calling 651-266-ROAD (651-266-7623)**. This same information will also be **available on the Internet at <http://www.stpaul.gov/construction>**. You may also call any of the numbers listed on the first page if you have questions about the project.

“DON’T STOP RECYCLING!”

You can recycle all summer long even though your street is scheduled for construction. Set your materials close to the street in a visible place. If the regular recycling trucks cannot get through your street, they will use a smaller truck to collect your recycling. They may pick up recycling on your street earlier or later than other streets in your neighborhood, or they may need to return the following morning to access your street. **Please have your recycling out by 7:00 a.m. and leave it out until noon the next day**. If they miss your recycling, or if you have questions, please call the **Recycling Hotline at 651-222-SORT (7678)**.

Thank you,

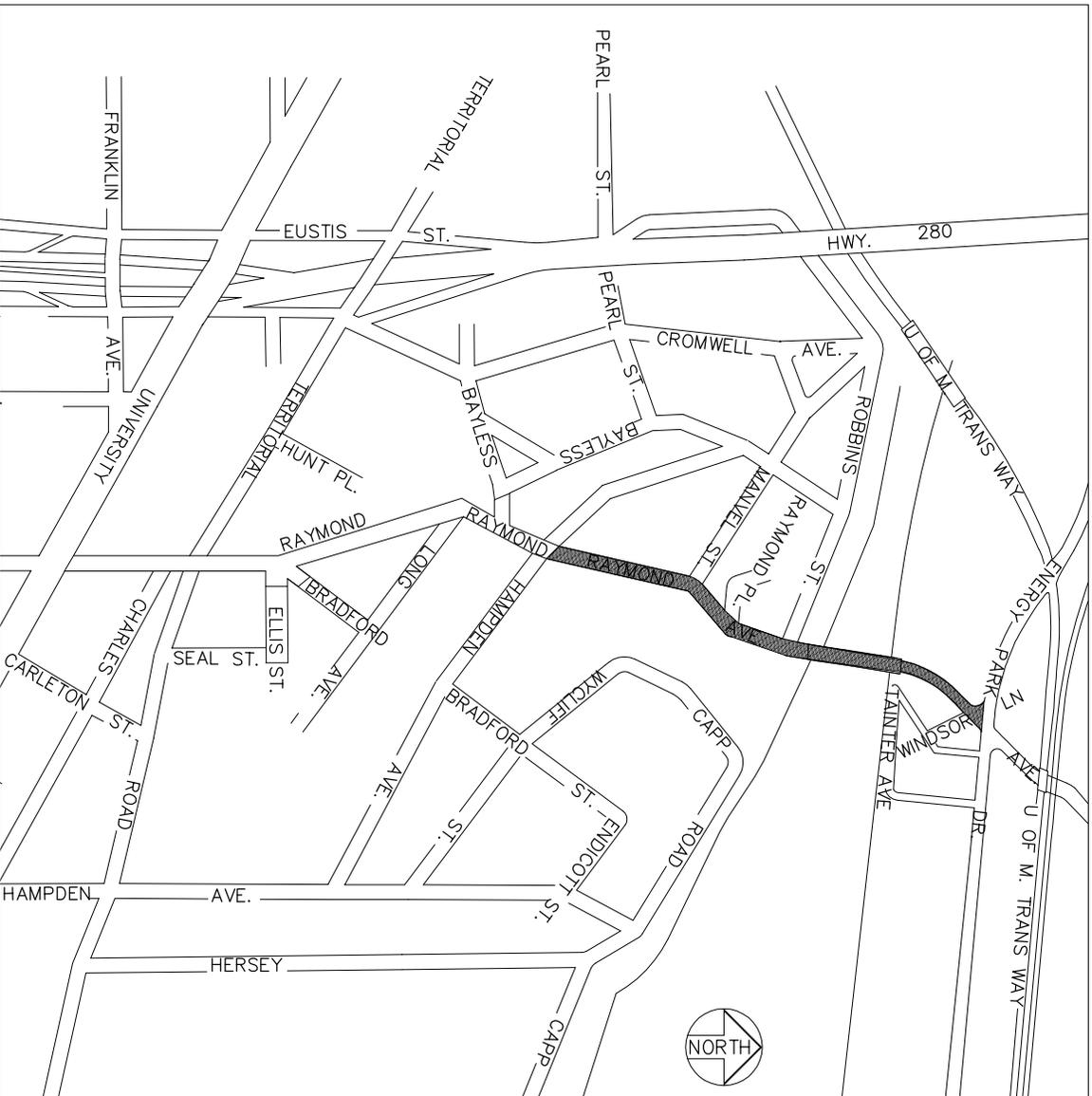
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barb Mundahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barb" being more prominent than the last name "Mundahl".

Barb Mundahl
Project Engineer
City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works
Street Design & Construction Division

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Enclosure: Map



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 RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II
 S.P. PROJECT NO. 164-020-110
 CITY PROJECT 15-P-1393