



March 13, 2019

RE: Notification of utility work on St. Peter Street

Dear Customer:

This letter is to inform you of two upcoming utility construction projects. These projects are a coordinated effort between St. Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) and Xcel Energy, and will include the revitalization of both the water system and the natural gas system. The work will occur primarily along St. Peter Street, from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street, with additional gas work on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from St. Peter Street to Cedar Street, and on Exchange Street from St. Peter Street to Wabasha Avenue. This work will occur at no charge to property owners or building tenants.

SPRWS and Xcel Energy are partnering to provide additional information at two public open houses. Residents and business owners are encouraged to attend to speak directly with project teams from both SPRWS and Xcel Energy. Information for these open houses is below.

### **SPRWS and Xcel Energy Utility Construction Projects Public Open House Information**

Two open houses will be hosted by both SPRWS and Xcel Energy, providing two opportunities to ask questions about the projects. Both open houses will occur on the same day. Attendees will be able to view project maps and construction information.

**Thursday, March 28**

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Hamm Building  
6th Floor Conference Room  
408 St. Peter St.  
St. Paul, MN**

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Osborn 370  
370 Wabasha Street North  
St. Paul, MN**

#### **Additional details about both projects**

##### **SPRWS water project**

###### **What will this work entail?**

The existing water main located along the west side of St. Peter Street, under the roadway, will be replaced using a method call pipe bursting. This is a “trenchless” method of pipe replacement that allows for reduced impacts to the road surface. The original cast iron water main installed in 1895 will be replaced with a new high-density polyethylene pipe. This work will be conducted by SPRWS, and will begin at 7<sup>th</sup> Place and progress northward, ending at 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

###### **What is the project timeline?**

Work is expected to begin in late-April or mid-May, depending on weather. The work is anticipated to last approximately ten weeks.

## **SPRWS water project continued**

### **How will this affect me and/or my business?**

You may experience a temporary disruption to your water service at some point during the project. You will be notified at least one week in advance of any such disruption which may last up to eight hours. SPRWS will make every effort to schedule shutoffs during off-business hours.

## **Xcel Energy natural gas project**

### **What will this work entail?**

The existing natural gas line, located along the east side of St. Peter Street, will be replaced by open trench methods, allowing for the new pipe to be installed close to or in the same trench. This natural gas infrastructure replacement project is part of Xcel Energy's commitment to system revitalization and will ensure continued safe and reliable natural gas service. Xcel Energy will be contracting with Q3 to complete the construction activities.

### **What is the project timeline?**

The natural gas line work is expected to begin late-April or mid-May, and is anticipated to be complete in early-October. Please note that the project timeline is subject to change because of inclement weather or other factors.

### **How will this affect me and/or my business?**

You may experience a temporary disruption to your gas service during the project. If a temporary disruption is necessary, you will be notified at least one week in advance. Gas service disruption may last up to eight hours, but we will make every effort to schedule shutoffs during off-business hours.

For both projects, access to driveways and parking lots will be maintained, but parking on the street where work is occurring will be prohibited and traffic may be reduced to a single lane.

For questions related to the SPRWS water project, please contact Rich Hibbard at [richard.hibbard@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:richard.hibbard@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651.266.6268.

For questions related to the Xcel Energy gas work, please contact Jim Pearson at [james.g.pearson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:james.g.pearson@xcelenergy.com) or 651.229.2230.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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