EDGE MILL AND Overlay PAST QUESTION AND ANSWERS

**What does this project include?** The project includes milling the edges of the pavement and then overlaying the entire surface of the pavement. This is NOT a complete reconstruction project and things will not be perfect when completed.

**Why isn’t a reconstruction project planned?** Recent street ratings show these streets meeting the mill and overlay criteria. Additionally, reconstruction projects are extremely invasive projects that take the entire summer to construct and project costs would be about 7 times higher (including assessments).

**Will I be charged for any of the costs of the project?** Benefited properties will be assessed 40% of the actual project cost. The minimum assessed amount will be $1,000 for single family properties and $500 for single family attached properties except that the total assessed amount shall not exceed the actual project cost.

**How can I pay for this assessment?**

- Option 1—Full payment of principal by October 31, 2020 with no interest.
- Option 2—Full payment between November 1, 2020 and November 1, 2021. Interest on this option will be for the entire year regardless of when the balance is paid off.
- Option 3—Payment over the standard assessment term, which is 5 years. Payments would be included in your property taxes.
- Option 4—Partial prepayment by October 31, 2020 (minimum amount of $100). The remaining balance would be paid under Option 3.

**What does the paint mean?** Most of the paint in the area will be used for locating purposes. For example, blue paint in the boulevards is used to indicate where a water service to a home is located.

**What are the impacts with the project and will I be able to get in and out of my driveway?** Impacts with the project to residents are minor. The contractor will work on one lane at a time while keeping the other open to traffic. The contractor will typically work in front of a resident’s home twice. Once to mill the road, which takes roughly 20 minutes, and again at a later date for paving, which may take up to an hour. Residents will be able to get in and out of their driveways during the project but may experience a slight delay if the contractor is working in front of their home. Contractors in the past have been willing to work with residents to get vehicles in and out with minimal wait.

**How long will the project last?** The milling of the roadway and paving by a contractor can take up to a couple of months. However, the contractor is generally required to pave a street within two weeks once it is milled.

**There is standing water in the street, will this be corrected?** Standing water in the asphalt will likely be corrected with this project but water in the curb line may not be corrected, although each case could be reviewed. This project is not intended to correct all drainage and surface deficiencies but rather to improve the driving surface and extend the life of the roadway.

**How long will the new street last?** It is estimated that the new street will last 7-10 years, if not longer. The city’s first edge mill and overlay project was in 2005 on streets that were in similar condition to the streets in this neighborhood. Those streets are still performing well.

**The curb was nicked during the project, is this normal?** It is necessary to mill the edges of the roadway to tie the new overlay in to the curb and sometimes the machine used to mill the pavement will nick the curb. These nicks do not affect the integrity of the curb and are aesthetic in nature.

**The new overlay cracked after the winter, is this normal?** You may notice that cracks may appear in the new overlay after the first winter season following the project. These cracks are usually the result of reflective cracking, where the cracks in the old roadway reflect through the new surface or thermal cracking, which is common in cold weather climates. Both kinds of cracking are typical for a mill and overlay project and the normal lifespan of the overlay can still be expected.

**Who should I contact if I have questions now or during construction?** You can find contact information on the project webpage under the “Street Projects” heading at www.plymouthmn.gov/project-spotlight or you may call Pavel Nikolov at 763-509-5528 or email pnikolov@plymouthmn.gov.