

What's Been Going On? Following a lengthy delay, Dresel has resumed construction activities. In the last few weeks, they have completed the following work items:

- Watermain testing
- Water service lateral connections to each property on Newell Avenue
- Concrete curb placement
- Storm sewer and inlet casting installation
- Base pavement placement
- Started boulevard grading.

Upcoming Schedule: Continuing during the week of Oct. 18th, the concrete subcontractor will proceed with work on concrete driveways. This work includes the 4-foot concrete aprons extending from the back of curb as well as any concrete driveway replacement work.

Our field representative will reach out to you in advance of this work to make sure you are able to get vehicles out of your driveway. Like the curbing, you will not be able to drive on the concrete apron for five (5) days following placement to allow the concrete to cure.

The contractor will also be working on adjusting the manhole and gate valve castings to the level of the final lift of pavement, grading the boulevard areas, placing topsoil, seeding the disturbed areas and paving the final lift of pavement over the next 2-3 weeks.

Construction Delay: Earlier in September, the project encountered a watermain testing issue that resulted in little to no work progress over the course of a few weeks. After a few rounds of testing, the City confirmed the watermain was safe to place into service. While the delay was unfortunate and contributed to additional inconvenience to adjacent property owners, it was necessary to ensure the City is delivering safe water to its residents. We are very grateful for your continued patience and understanding while we worked through this issue.

Thank you for bearing with us!

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Boulevard Maintenance:

The contractor will soon be grading the disturbed areas and adding topsoil in preparation for boulevard restoration. They plan to spray hydro-mulch to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion through the winter months. The hydro-mulch (bright green coating) will contain a seed mixture that includes fast germinating annual grasses and perennial lawn-type grasses. The purpose of the annual grasses is to help rapidly stabilize the soil while the perennial grasses germinate. You may see some of the grasses germinate yet this fall, but it is more likely that most of the growth will occur next spring.

When the vegetation reaches a height of three (3) inches, please begin mowing the area along with the rest of your yard. Be sure to set your mower to its highest setting to avoid damage to the perennial grasses. Once the annual grasses are mowed, they will not return, and the perennial grasses will continue to emerge. Dresel will be responsible for maintaining the boulevard until there is approximately 75% coverage and the City accepts the condition. Dresel will touch up sparse areas next spring and water periodically. We encourage residents to provide supplemental watering to promote thicker/healthier coverage.

Questions:

We sincerely appreciate the patience shown by everyone affected by the project. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. THANK YOU!

Safety: We urge you to use caution around the work site. Pavement temperatures reach nearly 200°F when placed behind the paver. Please be sure to keep children and pets away from newly placed pavement until the mat has sufficiently cooled.

