

WEEKLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

NW 62nd Avenue Improvements
NW 86th Street to Meadow Crest Drive

Week of December 5, 2011



Introduction:

Weather conditions this fall have been very favorable. A major portion of the first stage has already been completed. The contractors are preparing for winter shut down but the project is currently ahead of schedule. Initial efforts have focused on permanent and temporary pavement widening in order to provide two adjacent lanes the entire length of the project. This preliminary work will allow for head-to-head traffic next spring. Next spring's traffic shift will provide the space needed to construct the roundabouts one half at a time.

The intent of this weekly newsletter is not to provide every detail of construction but to hopefully give a general list of the following week's major operations. The focus will be on the construction events that could affect traffic patterns. Keep in mind that this will be a tentative schedule and things may differ with changing conditions (weather, etc.).

General Weekly Schedule:

- ◆ Work continues along Beaver Creek upstream of NW 62nd Ave. Years of high flows in the creek have caused the banks to erode immediately north of the roadway. This erosion has exposed many private utilities and have encroached upon the roadway. The alignment will be moved slightly north and the banks will be armored with revetment to help prevent future erosion.
- ◆ Work will continue on the new bridge for as long as the weather allows.
- ◆ Removal of the existing bike trail on the south side west of the creek continues. The trail is closed from NW 86th St. to South Dr. near Pioneer's facilities.
- ◆ Trucks will be entering and exiting the travelled way. Please do not follow trucks into the work zone.
- ◆ Workers will be working adjacent to the edge of roadway, please reduce your speed.

Specific Items For Your Calendar:

Friday 12/2:

- ◆ A major change in the traffic patterns occurred Friday afternoon. The northbound right turn lane on NW 86th Street at NW 62nd Avenue is now open. There is still some minor work to be completed on the traffic signals at this intersection. This work should be completed within the next week or so in order to have the signal operating at it's pre-construction condition.
 - ◆ Eastbound traffic now has two thru lanes from NW 86th Street east to Crescent Chase. The outside lane ends just east of Crescent Chase and traffic must merge left.
 - ◆ Westbound traffic now has two thru lanes from the high school west to South Drive. The outside lane ends just west of South Drive and traffic must merge left.
 - ◆ Traffic will operate in the head-to-head condition between South Drive and the First Baptist Church just as it has always done.
 - ◆ Westbound traffic also has two thru lanes from Crescent Chase to NW 86th Street. This section of NW 62nd Avenue now matches the lane configurations to the west of NW 86th Street.
- ◆ **Please keep in mind that these activities are heavily dependent on weather conditions. The schedule may change as the work progresses. Pay attention to the changeable message boards at either ends of the project for the latest information on changes in traffic patterns. Thank you.**

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