Highway 5 Project Update

Work on Highway 5 has resumed. This article highlights what to expect this summer:

Highway 5 Median: Rain delayed curb installation until early May. Two full days of concrete curb installation is expected starting on or about May 3. Heavy construction activity should be expected on the corridor during these operations. We do expect to have curb placed by the end of next week.

Temporary Signal Outage at Hwy. 5/Olive St.: A very significant temporary traffic control change should be expected at the intersection of Highway 5 and Olive Street. The signal system will be taken out of service for 5 days from May 2nd to the 6th. NO SIGNAL SYSTEM WILL BE IN OPERATION AT THIS TIME. The intersection will be changed to a 2-Way stop condition in which Highway 5 does not stop and Olive Street/Highway 284 is controlled by Stop Signs yielding to Highway 5 traffic. Sidewalks will be closed on Highway 284 and Olive approaching Highway 5 during this work until the signal system is reactivated.

Access Impacts to be Expected: To facilitate pavement removals and construction of the medians, the left turn lane from eastbound Highway 5 to Maple Street will be closed while work is occurring to prepare for curb placement, this closure should be expected until curb is complete the first week of May. All median curb will be placed per final plan by the first week of May, except a curb access to the south to the Ford site. This median cut will remain until work is completed on Fischer Way and connected to 10th Street at which time that segment of median will also be completed in full.

Traffic at Highway 284 and Olive will be controlled by a stop sign and will need to yield to Highway 5 traffic. Sidewalks will be closed along Highway 284 and Olive during this time at Highway 5. Expect delays on Highway 284 and Olive Street during this time.

Upcoming Major Activities: Signal outage at CSAH 10 and Marketplace Drive- estimated to occur the week of May 16. County Road 10 would not stop and Marketplace would be controlled by a stop sign. Milling and paving of the remainder of Highway 5 is expected as early as May 12 for milling, paving the following week. Expect delays and heavy congestion during these significant operations that impact the entire roadway from curb to curb.

Updates: Updates on the construction will be posted to our Home page. Click on the Project Updates page on our main page www.waconia.org.

Public Services Open House
Saturday, May 7 (8:00 a.m. - Noon)

Be sure to mark your calendar for our 5th annual Public Services Open House event. During the event, guests will have the opportunity to rub elbows with our Public Service staff. Children of all ages are invited to see, touch, honk, and explore the city trucks with the guidance from the respective professionals who explain the equipment and discuss the work they accomplish with such machinery. Returning this year will be the paint the snow plow activity in addition to information on projects, a pancake breakfast, prizes and demonstrations. In an effort to assist the local Waconia United Food Shelf please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. The event will take place at the Public Services Facility, located at 310 East Tenth Street.
**Upcoming Compost Collection Schedule**

Residents are able to bring grass clippings, shrub and garden waste, as well as branches no larger than 3” in diameter and 4’ in length. Drop off at Public Services located at 310 E 10th St on the following dates from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.:

May 7, 11, and 21

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**Community Notice**

**Hydrant Flushing Between April 18 and May 18**

On April 18, the Waconia Utilities Department began flushing the water system utilizing fire hydrants. Flushing hydrants will continue for approximately one month. This routine maintenance can affect water clarity causing the water to be widely varied in color. For hydrant flushing map with routes please refer to the additional information option. Call 952-442-1234, option 1 or 952-442-2615 for any questions.

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**Summer Sewer Rate**

While it may not seem like there will be an end to our winter; green grass, flowers, and tree buds will be on the horizon. Summer sewer use pro-ration will go into effect May 1. Any April usage will be billed for sewer usage at regular rates. For more information on City conservation efforts and tiered rates please visit the City website at www.waconia.org or call 952-442-3107.

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**Enter to win a $200 VISA gift card just for completing our survey!**

Whether a member or not, we want to hear from you. Fill out a short survey and you’ll be eligible to win a $200 VISA gift card! All information must be completed to be eligible. Employees and their immediate family members are not eligible. The survey is on the homepage of the city’s website www.waconia.org.

The deadline to participate is Saturday, May 7.

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**Current Job Openings**

**Come join our team !!!**

The City is now hiring for the following positions:

- Volunteer Firefighter (Paid per call)
- Maintenance Worker - Streets (FT)
- Maintenance Worker - Parks (FT)

For job descriptions, qualifications and to complete an application, visit www.waconia.org.

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**City Office Closure Reminder**

City of Waconia offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day!