



CSAH 27 (Agency Street) Reconstruction Project Newsletter

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Construction schedule:

Start: May 2021
Finish: October 2021
Final Paving: June 2022

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Overview

As you know, the City of Eagle Lake is partnering with Blue Earth County to undertake the reconstruction of Agency Street (County State Aid Highway 27). The project includes complete street and utility reconstruction from Thomas Drive to Le Ray Avenue.



Project Timeline



Construction

The City's and County's contractor, Dirt Merchant Inc. (DMI) completed most of the construction last fall. So far this spring, DMI has been working to address normal concrete repairs and other routine work needed to complete the project.

Late last fall, all disturbed boulevard areas were seeded in anticipation of spring germination. Before the project is considered complete this summer, DMI will be reseeded recently disturbed areas as well as a few spots where dormant seed failed to germinate. Residential turf typically takes 1-2 years to become fully established, so please be patient. The following is a list of best practices for homeowners to help establish new grass:

- In the absence of rain, water at a rate of between 1/4 and 1/2 inches, three times per week.
- Weeds may have begun to appear. Control weeds by hand pulling.
- Mow when turf first reaches a uniform height of 5-6 inches. Avoid mowing when the grass density is less than 50 percent of area coverage.
- Avoid mowing newly established turf when conditions are hot (85° F) and dry.
- Do not cut more than 1/3 of the grass height in a single mowing event.
- If walking in the new grass area shows settlement in the soil, the turf has not yet established and should not be mowed. Do not mow if mower tires form ruts.



Asphalt Paving



Access

The final lift of asphalt pavement is scheduled for constructed starting on **June 8th** (weather permitting). Prior to paving, manhole covers will be raised above the current surface – please drive with caution. Driveway access will not be possible during the actual placement of asphalt pavement, so please plan accordingly. Agency Street will be open to traffic on the same day as the paving operation. Striping will be installed upon completion of the final lift of asphalt.



Updates

Informational social media updates and newsletters will be sent periodically throughout the project. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Joe Smith using the information listed. For more information and FAQs, please visit the following websites:

Blue Earth County Project website:
<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CSAH27>

City of Eagle Lake Project website:
<https://eaglelakemn.com/city/current-construction-projects>