

# 2017 ROCORI Trail Phase II Cold Spring to Rockville, Minnesota

# Project Update



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Hello and welcome to the *2017 ROCORI Trail Phase II Project Update*.

The project team consists of the ROCORI Trail Construction Board (RTCB), SEH, and Knife River. SEH is the municipal engineering firm that serves as the trail board engineer, and will serve as the contact between the Contractors and residents. All questions should initially be directed to SEH.

A SEH Field Representative will be on-site periodically during construction to observe project progress. Please contact Casey Zins, SEH's Field Representative at 218.780.1403, with any questions you may have. If Casey is unavailable, please contact Scott Hedlund, in the SEH office, at 320.229.4335 or by email [shedlund@sehinc.com](mailto:shedlund@sehinc.com).

## Project Status

The project was publicly bid and Knife River Corporation of Sauk Rapids was the low bidder. The RTCB and Knife River have executed contract documents for the work. Knife River is the General Contractor responsible for the overall project and will construct the aggregate base and bituminous trail.

You will notice private utility companies (power, natural gas, petroleum, communications, etc.) marking their private utilities in the project area. Locating private utilities is necessary to avoid construction conflicts with the proposed trail construction.

## Description of Project

The project consists of constructing a 1.6-mile long 10 foot wide bituminous trail on the old railroad grade that runs northerly and parallel to 235<sup>th</sup> Street and County Highway 82, between the westerly terminus of 235<sup>th</sup> Street and Mill Street in Rockville. Construction will also include rehabilitation of an existing stone masonry arch culvert, installation of safety railing, and culvert replacement. It is also planned to lower the intersection of the trail with Chestnut Street.

This project is Phase 2 of the overall ROCORI Trail, which will ultimately connect the cities of Rockville, Cold Spring, and Richmond. The project owner is the RTCB, which is a joint powers board with equal representation from the Cities of Rockville, Cold Spring, and Richmond.

Last fall, the RTCB purchased 4 miles of railroad corridor from BNSF Railway. As a part of the property transaction, BNSF is required to remove the old railroad tracks. This work began last fall and will resume in March. Neither the RTCB nor Knife River direct the operations of this removal work.

## **Construction Schedule**

We are anticipating approximately 2 months of construction once grading begins. Knife River has advised their normal work hours will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Knife River anticipates starting tree and brush clearing in March, with grading and stone masonry repair work starting in early April, depending on the weather. The project is schedule to be completed in June.

## **Construction Zone**

Barricades and trail/road closure signs will be installed in the project area to protect motorists and the public during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs! "Road/Trail Closed" signs are used where the road/trail is impassable and closed to all traffic except for the Contractor's equipment or officially authorized vehicles. "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs are used where through traffic must detour to avoid a closure some distance beyond the sign, but where local traffic can move up to the point of closure. In this instance, local traffic would be defined as residential traffic from the particular street under construction.

There will be times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited. Access to your property is important to us, and the Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

As the Contractor's operations move during the course of construction, you may observe that signs and barricades move as well. We understand this may be frustrating! Please allow extra time in your schedule as you drive through the construction zone. Please advise your family and guests to exercise caution and safe driving speeds. Be sure workers and heavy equipment operators see you before driving around them.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** *What kind of activity can I expect during construction?*

**A:** Construction is tedious and we understand it can get old quickly. At times, it may even seem like not much is getting done. Remember, patience is the biggest asset that each of you bring to the job. If you keep in mind the fact that this project will be completed, hopefully construction will seem to go faster for you! Please bear with us, the Contractor has a fixed amount of time to get the work done, and we will be working with all the parties involved to help see that this time commitment is met.

**Q:** *Who do I call if I have questions?*

**A:** Please first try calling SEH's Field Representative, Casey Zins at 218.780.1403; if Casey is unavailable call SEH's Project Manager, Scott Hedlund, at 320.229.4335 or email at [shedlund@sehinc.com](mailto:shedlund@sehinc.com), if you have a questions regarding the project.

**Q:** *What will be done about construction dust?*

**A:** The contract provides for the Contractor to spread water on the trail to help keep dust from creating an unsafe environment. However, this is an imperfect solution and will not solve the problem completely.

**Q:** *What will happen to my sprinkler system or pet containment system during construction?*

**A:** Property owners who have a sprinkler system or pet containment system are encouraged to remove the portion of the system installed RTCB property (former railroad property). The sprinkler distribution pipes should be exposed and pulled up to the property line so they are visible to the Contractor. Since the sprinkler heads are often the most expensive component of the system, consider removing them from the distribution pipes. Apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris. The City and Contractor will not be liable for damage to sprinkler systems that are installed within RTCB property and will not be reinstalling them.

**Q:** *What will happen to the landscaping, fences, or planters that are on the boulevards?*

**A:** The Contractor will salvage any special landscaping located within RTCB property that conflicts with the trail construction and will place it on your property. If you wish to have material placed in a certain area, please let us know in advance and we will try to accommodate you. The Contractor will not reinstall any landscaping, fences, etc. removed from RTCB property.

**Q:** *How will the green areas disturbed by construction be restored?*

**A:** The Contractor will repair areas disturbed by construction with topsoil, seed, and sprayed on mulch or blanket. The mulch/blanket will help to keep the soil in place and should help retain water as well. The Contractor is required to maintain the seed for a short period of time after it has been placed to ensure growth. The Contractor will provide a product that will grow, but it will not be perfect. Adjacent property owners are encouraged to water the new seed regularly if you want a lush, green, well established lawn to look at. It can take multiple seasons for seeded areas to fully establish. Depending on the schedule, a temporary seed may be placed until more favorable planting time for the permanent seed.

## Preservation of Construction Stakes and Utility Flags....We need your help!

Please do not remove any wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed along the trail and road rights of way. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents in your neighborhood.

Your help in keeping bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress safely.



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