July 23, 2018

TO:     BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

Project No: W160034, City File No. 17-C-01
Regarding: City of Winnipeg – 2018 Regional Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Program
Empress Street from Portage Avenue to Jack Blick Avenue, Westway, and Eastway

As indicated in our previous notice, the above streets have been approved for construction this summer as part of the 2018 Regional Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Program of the City of Winnipeg’s Public Works Department. The Contractor, Borland Construction Inc., is scheduled to start construction the week of July 30th and will take approximately ten (10) weeks to complete. Borland Construction Inc.’s emergency phone number is 204-782-9634.

This initial phase is part of the Empress Street and Overpass Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project. The work on Empress Street from Portage Avenue to Jack Blick Avenue will involve asphalt removal, concrete pavement and curb repairs. Please note attached map indicating construction limits. Portions of concrete joint and slab renewals will require excavation of the existing street where required. This work will be followed by the placement of new asphalt pavement to improve drainage and rideability. City sidewalk will also be replaced as required. New street lighting will also be included as part of this section.

The work on Westway and Eastway will also consist of asphalt removal, concrete pavement and curb repairs. Portions of concrete joint and slab renewals will require excavation of the existing street where required. This work will be followed by the placement of new asphalt pavement to improve drainage and rideability. City sidewalk will also be replaced as required. New street lighting will also be included as part of this section.

In addition, new two-way protected bike lanes will also be incorporated into the existing configuration of Westway on the south side of the roadway, and a new protected bike lane will be incorporated into the north side of Eastway. The bike lanes will be partially completed in 2018, and fully completed at the east ends in 2019 as part of future construction phases of the Empress Street and Overpass Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Project. Further information on the project can be found on the City’s Major Project website (http://www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/construction/studies/empress.stm#tab-engage).

During construction, the street will be open to traffic (reduced lanes) and parking will be prohibited. Pedestrian access and transit service will be maintained throughout the construction period, as well as access to local businesses.

We recognize the fact that this project will cause you some inconvenience and disruption during its course and apologize for this. Should you have any questions concerning the project or accessibility needs at this time or during construction, please contact the undersigned at 204-977-8370. Your patience during construction will be much appreciated.
Yours truly,
Morrison Hershfield Limited

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