April 10th 2019

TO:    BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

Project No:  W160034, City File No. 17-C-01
Regarding:  City of Winnipeg – Empress Street Project, Pavement Reconstruction, Portage Avenue to St. Matthews Avenue, Empress Overpass Rehabilitation and Associated Works

As indicated in previous notices, the above streets have been approved for construction as part of the 2019 Regional Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Program of the City of Winnipeg’s Public Works Department. The Contractor, Gateway Construction & Engineering Ltd., has commenced work on the north Pedestrian Ramp for the Empress Overpass connecting Portage Avenue and Borland Construction Inc. has commenced underground construction works on Empress Street East. Gateway Construction & Engineering Ltd. is scheduled to commence construction work on the Empress Overpass starting April 11th, 2019. To facilitate the Empress Overpass works, southbound traffic will be prohibited on Empress Street East from Westway Avenue to Portage Avenue Eastbound beginning the evening of April 10th until November 29th, 2019. Northbound traffic access from Portage Avenue to Empress Street East will be maintained. Gateway Construction and Engineering Ltd.’s emergency phone number is 204-233-8550. See Map A on back for traffic configuration.

Borland Construction Inc., is also scheduled to begin major roadworks construction on Empress Street East from St. Matthews Avenue to Portage Avenue beginning May 21st, 2019. To facilitate this work, traffic lanes will be interrupted along Empress Street East from St. Matthew’s Avenue to Portage Avenue. In Stage 1, Empress Street East from Portage Avenue to Jack Blick Avenue, the parking will be removed and reduced to one lane in the northbound direction. Two-way traffic will remain from Portage Avenue to St. Matthews Avenue on Empress Street (see Map B on back). Stage 2 of the roadworks, Empress Street from Jack Blick Avenue to St Matthews Avenue, traffic will be reduced to 1 lane in the northbound direction (see Map C on back). Pedestrian access, transit service, and access to local businesses will be maintained throughout the construction period. Borland Construction Inc.’s emergency phone number is 204-782-9634.

Further information on the project can be found on the City’s Major Project website (www.winnipeg.ca/empress). 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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