



CITY OF BUFFALO, MINNESOTA

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE Electrical Upgrades Project Newsletter

### Construction includes:

- Burial of Existing City of Buffalo Electrical Distribution Lines and Fiber Optic Line
- Removal of Existing Overhead Power Lines and Poles
- Relocation of Sidewalk to the Back of Curb
- Miscellaneous Electrical Substation Work
- Construction of Xcel Overhead Transmission Lines and Poles (By Xcel Energy)

### Construction schedule:

- Start: Week of October 12, 2009
- Finish: May, 2010

### Contractor:

- MP Nexlevel  
Maple Lake, MN

### Engineer:



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### PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The City of Buffalo is completing a project to bury the existing overhead electrical lines and fiber optic lines along 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE to make room for a proposed overhead electrical transmission line by Xcel Energy. In addition the sidewalk along the north side of the road will be relocated to the back of curb to make room for the proposed transmission line poles. The project includes the installation of four underground conduits, buried conductors and associated manholes and electrical switches along 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Miscellaneous work at the electric substation is also included.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

The Contractor began work on Monday October 12, 2009 and will continue this fall until the underground work is complete and the existing overhead lines and poles are removed. Anticipated completion for this work is early to mid December. Next spring the contractor will remobilize to complete the concrete sidewalk and concrete curb work. Throughout the winter, there will be some sections of sidewalk that will be removed and will have a gravel surface.

### PROJECT DETAILS

The project limits will be from west of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to County Road 35. Upon completion of the underground utility work by MP Utilities, City of Buffalo crews will remove the existing overhead power lines and poles. After this is complete, Xcel Energy and their contractors will install the overhead transmission lines and poles along the 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE corridor.

### ACCESS TO YOUR HOME:

Every effort will be made to maintain access to your home and driveway throughout the construction project. The underground piping will be installed by trenchless methods to minimize disruption of the area. However, there may be certain times when the pipe that is being pulled into the ground will cross driveways and access into and out of your driveway will not be possible for a few hours during the day. In this case, someone will notify you ahead of time so that plans can be made accordingly. Next spring during concrete sidewalk replacement you will not have access to your driveway for a period of 5 to 7 days to allow the concrete to cure before it can be driven on. During this time you will be able to park on the street.

### CAUTION:

Please use caution when traveling or walking through the construction zone. It is important to remember that the large construction equipment is dangerous and operators are concentrating on the job at hand. Please do not approach the equipment and instruct children to stay away from the equipment. Flags and paint markings have been and will be placed along the project area. The flags and paint markings identify the location of private utility facilities. People are asked not to remove the flags or the paint markings from the right-of-way areas as their locations are integral to the safety of construction workers as well as residents throughout the project area. If the flags must be removed for any reason, please replace them in the location from which they were removed.

### CONTACT INFO:

If you have any questions, concerns, or special needs throughout the project, please contact Justin Kannas, Project Manager, at 320-905-2704. We thank you in advance for your patience throughout this project. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or concerns.