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CenterPoint Energy to replace natural gas lines on Woodlawn Blvd.

Dear Property Owner,

At CenterPoint Energy, we are committed to providing relevant information to our customers and the general public to minimize inconvenience or disruption due to our construction activities.

What has CenterPoint Energy been doing?

Since May 10, CenterPoint Energy's authorized contractors have been working along Woodlawn Blvd. Crews from Michels Corporation replaced the first of the project's two natural gas mains, connected the natural gas service lines to the new mains, and moved any inside residential meters outside.

The purpose of this letter is to describe the project's second natural gas main replacement. While the first main was small-diameter plastic that was bored underground, the second main is large-diameter steel. Since the crews weld the pieces of the pipe together, the steel main replacement requires open excavation and takes longer to install than the small-diameter plastic main. Time spent on each block will vary due to the size of the block, the steel offsets, the restoration preparation, and the weather. Crews from Q3 Contracting will restore the areas affected by Michels Corporation's work.

Where will the crews be in the next several weeks?

The crews replaced the natural gas main up to 53rd Street W. Curb and gutter restoration has been happening between 54th and 56th Streets E. Blacktop restoration will follow. The hard surface restoration should be complete in this area by June 25.

Until the hard surface restoration is complete from 56th to 53rd Streets E., the crews will continue to close Woodlawn Boulevard to through traffic in this area. They estimate a duration of a couple of weeks after June 25 before the traffic closure devices are removed.

The crews have extended the Woodlawn Boulevard closure to 52nd Street E. They estimate that replacing the main on this block will take approximately two weeks due to the incline of the hill. "Road Closed to Through Traffic" signs will be placed on 53rd Street E., 52nd Street E. and Woodlawn Boulevard. On one route, detour signs will lead drivers to 54th Street E. and 27th Avenue S. On another route, the signs will lead drivers to E. Lake Nokomis Parkway and 28th Avenue S.

Into late July, the crews will work on the following streets: After the crews replace the main from 53rd to 52nd Streets E., they will replace the main on 52nd Street E. between Woodlawn Boulevard and 27th Avenue S. Then they will continue north up to 50th Street E. This portion will last into late July.

For approximately 3 to 4 weeks after late July, the crews will replace the main on Woodlawn Boulevard between 56th Street E. to west of Longfellow Avenue. The final portion of the natural gas work will be connecting the new steel main to the existing intersecting mains. The locations will be the following: Woodlawn Boulevard and Longfellow Avenue S.; Woodlawn Boulevard and 56th Street E.; Woodlawn Boulevard and 54th Street E.; and 27th Avenue S. and 50th Street E.

How can I contact CenterPoint Energy?

For more information or to sign up for updates, please visit CenterPointEnergy.com/Construction, click on “Project Sites” and “Minneapolis.” Look for future communications via mailings or a door tag left by the CenterPoint Energy inspector. We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade our natural gas system, ensuring system reliability for years.

