



April 26, 2019

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

The City of Hastings is scheduled to Award Contract to Park Construction on May 20th to mill and overlay Ramsey St and Tyler St from 10th St to 18th St, and River St from 4th St to Hwy 55 (see project map). The project will take approximately 3-4 weeks and is scheduled to be completed sometime between June 10th and July 18th. As time approaches and the project schedule becomes clear, a letter or post card will be mailed to further notify you when the work will begin.

FAQs

What is a mill and overlay?

A mill and overlay is a street maintenance technique that extends the life of a pavement by removing the top layer of pavement by milling off the surface. After the top layer is removed, a new layer of bituminous pavement is put back in its place.

Why mill and overlay?

A mill and overlay is a pavement management strategy performed on a street that is too old and worn for a seal coat but not dilapidated enough for a full reconstruct project. Or on a different side of the same coin, it cost effectively adds usable years back into a road.

Do property owners pay an assessment fee?

No. The project is fully funded through its annual allocation of State Aid funding.

Will any other construction activity be tied in with this project?

Yes. The project includes replacing the adjacent sidewalk pedestrian ramps to include truncated domes to meet ADA standards, minor spot replacement of curb and gutter, and spot replacement of castings for catch basins and manholes. Centerline striping will remain the same as the existing layout. The general idea is to replace infrastructure that cannot reasonably provide its intended purpose for at least another 20 years.

Will the cracks in the base layer of pavement reflect through to the top layer in a few years?

Yes. Unfortunately, 1-3 years after the project you will see many transverse cracks reflect through. In subsequent years these cracks will be sawed and sealed, as needed, during our annual crack seal project.

If cracks reflect through, why not just let the pavement continue to deteriorate through its life cycle until it truly needs a full reconstruct?

A number of reasons make a mill and overlay project an attractive option in pavement management:

1. **Project Cost.** Mill and overlays cost 4-5 times less than a reconstruct project. Consequently, a City gains an improved road at a much reduced cost *and* a property owner gains an improved road without an assessment.
2. **Time.** Mill and overlay projects take only 3-4 weeks to complete in comparison to 2-4 months for a reconstruction project.
3. **Level of Disruption for Property Owners.** Reconstruction projects create a much greater level of disturbance for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
4. **Pavement Ride Quality.** Mill and overlay fixes the deteriorating ride quality without having to wait its turn on the 10 year Re-Construction Comprehensive Improvement Plan (CIP). Currently, this street is not on the plan as there is a backlog of streets rated equal or worse in condition.
5. **Annual Maintenance Costs.** Pothole repair and spray patching costs are beginning to rise and be a burden, and are expected to do so for many years to come.

Will I be able to park and/or drive on the street during construction?

The contractor will place no parking signs, barrels, and barricades in the work zones. Parking will be prohibited on the street during working hours. You will be able to drive on the milled surface, however proceed with caution as construction workers will be on site. The one day paving operation will present the greatest level of disturbance. Through traffic will not be allowed however local traffic will continue to be allowed with interrupted access.

Will I be able to access my driveway at all times?

Most likely yes. An exception may apply if you have a curb or catch basin replaced in front of your driveway. In this case, the concrete will need 7 days to cure before you can drive into your driveway. Otherwise there may be a brief interruption while, for example, the milling machine goes by or during paving operation. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate access.

Am I responsible to remove my landscaping from the right of way?

Spot curb and pedestrian ramp replacement may disturb some landscaping behind the edge of concrete. In these areas, it is prudent for a property owner to remove their landscaping, irrigation systems, and other such items out of the project area. Please keep in mind that these items are within the City's Right of Way (ROW) and are considered "guests" within the ROW. It is the responsibility of each property owner to salvage and relocate these items if it is apparent that construction activity will endanger them. These items will not be replaced/repared if they happen to be removed/damaged by the contractor.

If you have a question about whether something you have placed in the boulevard is likely to be in the path of construction, please contact the Engineering Department at 651.480.2334. We will arrange for someone to visit with you to explain the nature of the work in your area.

Will Tennis Sanitation still pick up my garbage at the normally scheduled time?

During the project, some resident's pick up times will be adjusted. If your street is adjacent to the project then please pull your garbage and recycling carts curbside by 6am. Tennis Sanitation has agreed to pick up the garbage and recycling prior to 7am in order to accommodate potential conflicts with construction crews. Please contact Tennis Sanitation directly for further information.

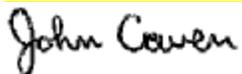
How do I stay informed with what's going on with the project?

For your convenience, weekly construction updates will be made available in a number of ways:

1. City Website. <http://www.hastingsmn.gov/city-government/city-departments/public-works/engineering-department/construction-project-information-updates/>
2. Email. Sign up for automatic delivery by visiting: <https://www.hastingsmn.gov/city-government/city-departments/communications/e-notification> Look for 2019 Mill & Overlay Program and click "sign up."

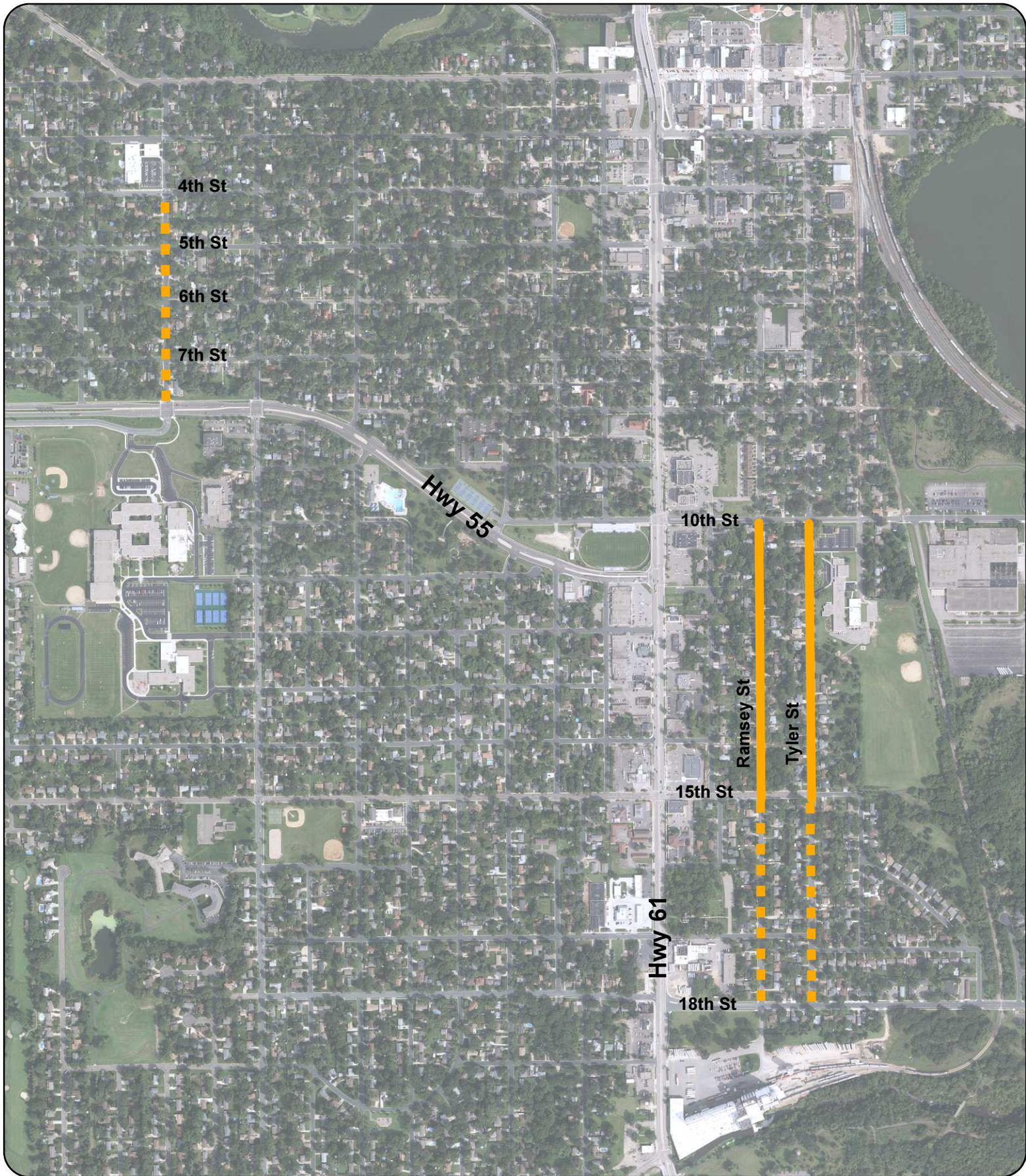
The City acknowledges the inconvenience and thanks you in advance for your cooperation during this project! If you have any questions feel free to call the City of Hastings Engineering Department at 651.480.2334.

Sincerely,



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2019 Mill & Overlay Program

- Ramsey St - 10th St to 15th St (State Aid)
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