

March 12, 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

We wish to advise you that the above street rehabilitation construction project has been approved for the construction this summer as part of the 2018 Regional Street Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Program of the City of Winnipeg Public Works Department. The street construction work is scheduled to take place in August and continue to mid-October. Approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of construction, you will be further advised of the intended construction starting date and more detailed construction information and instructions.

This initial phase is part one 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. 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 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 functionality of the project can be found on the City's Major Project website (<a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/construction/studies/empress.stm#tabengage">http://www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/construction/studies/empress.stm#tabengage</a>) which contains Open House material

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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Scott Gillingham – Councilor, St. James – Brooklands – Weston Ward

