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RE: County Road 59 (460th Street) Reconstruction Project

Dear Property Owner:

Chisago County Public Works is planning to reconstruct County Road 59 (460th Street) from County State Aid Highway 9 (Galaxy Avenue) to County State Aid Highway 30 (Forest Boulevard). The project development process is beginning, and this letter is to provide some background information on the process, project, schedule, and other details.

The proposed reconstruction of CR 59 is scheduled to occur in 2023 and would begin at the CSAH 9 intersection and end at the intersection of CSAH 30. During construction, the highway will be closed to through traffic; however, local access will be maintained. There may be times when access to your driveway will be limited, but we will work closely with you and the contractor to provide proper notification during those instances. Our goal is to complete the project on time and on budget, as well making sure our residents are taken care of throughout the project.

This will be a reconstruction project. We will be making improvements to the horizontal alignment, vertical profile, and cross section widths of the road. We are proposing to include wider paved shoulders to the highway, replace drainage culverts, improve ditches and roadway slopes, analyze intersection improvements, and make safety improvements along the corridor, where possible. These improvements should make this a safer corridor for all road users.

As a result, the County will need to acquire the necessary right of way, which means that we may have to purchase property from you and other residents along the highway. We will be working with a consultant to assist with the property acquisition. This right of way process would likely commence in 2022. At which time, a separate correspondence will be mailed.

Even though this project isn't scheduled for construction until 2023, you may see more County-related activity on-site. County personnel (or its representatives) will need to survey the land, delineate wetlands, perform geotechnical exploration, and perform other pertinent activities.

We will communicate through the design and construction phases with update letters. We will also set up a page on our County website (<https://www.chisagocounty.us/867/Road-Construction>). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ben.Hobert@chisagocounty.us or 651-213-8723.

Sincerely,

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