

## **SOMERS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

### Whitefish, Montana

#### **Project Update**

The City of Whitefish is planning to reconstruct 6 blocks of Somers Avenue, from East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to East 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the spring and summer months of 2018. The design team has recently completed the roadway design, recommendations for tree removals, sump pump collection system design.

#### **Tree Inventory**

The Design Team recently completed a detailed tree inventory of the Somers Avenue boulevard trees. The inventory resulted in the recommended removal of approximately 40 mature green ash trees. The City of Whitefish is trying to take a proactive approach on removing the trees that have been identified as hazardous, are at the end of their life span, or are showing signs of Emerald Ash Borer infestations. The ash borer (*Podestesia syringae*) damages the stems, thereby degrading lumber quality. The beetle lays eggs between bark layers and crevices. After about one week, larvae hatch and begin to feed on an infected tree's inner bark and phloem. The larvae change to prepupa and overwinter in the tree. The following spring, after pupation, adults emerge from holes they made in the tree. Signs and symptoms include: branch dieback, branching on the tree trunk and vertical bark splits.

#### **Sump Pump Collection System**

During the first public meeting in June, several residents asked if drainage infrastructure would be provided for individual sump pump connections. Since that meeting, a sump pump collection system has been designed providing services to each property. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to discharge sump water to a City sanitary sewer system. With this new system, residents will now be able to connect and discharge to the roadway storm drainage system with minimal effort.

#### **Project Schedule**

Design 2017 - Finalize Design Details

January 2018 - Receive Project/Design Approvals

February 2018 - Finish Construction Documents

February/March 2018 - Let project for Bids

April 2018 - Select Contractor, Award Contract & Public Meeting #3 (What to Expect During Construction)

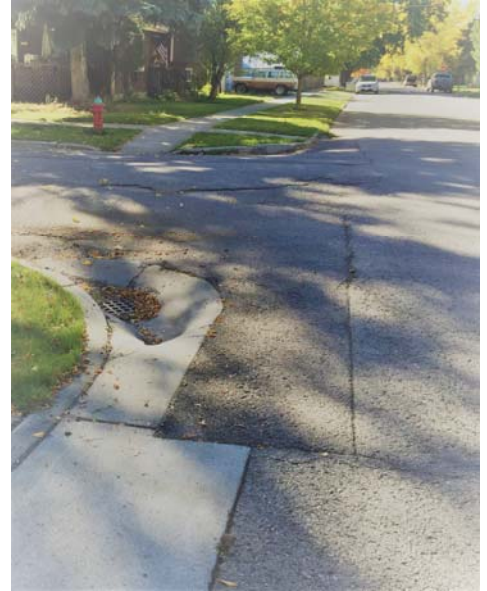
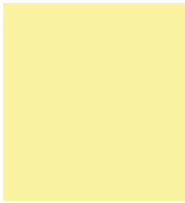
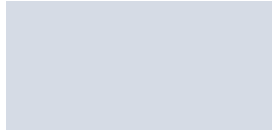
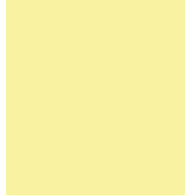
May 2018 - Start Construction

August 2018 - Finish Construction (plan is to finish prior to the start of school)

**A public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30th, 2017 @ 6:30 at the Whitefish City Hall Council Chambers to further discuss these above items, review construction drawings and the tree inventory results.**



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## Public Meeting No. 2

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 30, 2017

**Meeting Location:** Whitefish City Hall  
Council Chambers Conference Room  
418 E 2nd Street

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Public Meeting:** The City of Whitefish will host a public meeting to present the roadway design elements, details and project schedule to solicit comments for the Somers Avenue Reconstruction Project. Residents and others interested in the project are encouraged to attend and provide comments to the City and the design consultants.

A presentation will begin shortly after 6:30 p.m that will focus on the roadway plans, anticipated tree removals, recently added sump pump collection system and updated project schedule. Following the presentation, there will be an informal question and answer session. There will be an opportunity to review and discuss the project displays with the City and the design consultants.

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