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### Project on schedule for completion by Thanksgiving

With less than one month to meet the project schedule for completion by Thanksgiving, crews are steadily progressing to complete their work on the Capitol Drive reconstruction.



*View of Capitol Drive to the east at 84th Street*

All traffic lanes on both 76th and 84th Streets at Capitol Drive have reopened to traffic and Appleton Avenue is scheduled to reopen soon. Most of the concrete work on Capitol Drive and throughout the project has been completed. Because concrete takes longer to “cure”, or set, when the temperature drops below 50 degrees, the contractor plans to complete all of the remaining concrete work by October 31.

### Traffic switch planned for early November

With the concrete work completed and weather permitting, there is a good likelihood that a major traffic switch will take place the first week of November. At least one traffic lane westbound will operate on the north side of Capitol and at least one traffic lane eastbound will be placed into service on the newly constructed south side of Capitol. The lanes

abutting the median will carry traffic first so crews and equipment can continue to work in the outer and parking lanes.

### Painting, Poles and Plants

Crews have started to paint the pavement markings on street segments that have been completed. That work will continue over the coming weeks.

Habermehl Electric is installing the new poles for the traffic signals at major intersections. The arms that extend over the roadway will be added later and city crews will assemble and hook up the traffic lights. Both the City and the contractor are preparing to install the myriad of traffic signs including speed limits, state highway route designations and turn, stop, caution, crossing signs.

Simon Landscaping crews are also busy laying sod. They are completing work in the medians as well as between the curbs and sidewalk on both the north and south side of the street.



*Palettes of sod line Capitol between 69th & 70th*

It appears some of the planting may be postponed to Spring of 2013. Although some trees respond best to Fall plantings, the varieties of Oak, Lilac, and Catalpa trees planned for the area thrive best when planted in the Spring. Also planned for Spring is a signature planter with shrubs, perennials and annuals located at Capitol Drive and 80th Street.

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