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## **2024 Concordia Avenue Resurfacing & Bike and Pedestrian Improvements Project**

### ***Community Meeting on April 24, 2024***

April 5, 2024

Dear Saint Paul Resident/Property Owner,

The City of Saint Paul is working to improve the streets in your neighborhood. Concordia Avenue from Snelling Avenue to Marion Street will receive a mill and overlay (resurfacing) this fall. This summer prior to this work, the city will be making pedestrian improvements, Saint Paul Regional Water Services will be replacing lead water service lines, and utilities may also be doing work in the street.

#### **Location of project work**

- Mill and overlay (resurfacing) will be on Concordia Avenue from Snelling Avenue to Marion Street
- Addition of an on-street bike lane on Concordia Avenue from Pascal Avenue to Western Avenue
- Pedestrian crossing improvements on Concordia Avenue will include the construction of bumpouts (curb extensions) at Chatsworth Street and Pascal Street

#### **About the mill and overlay process**

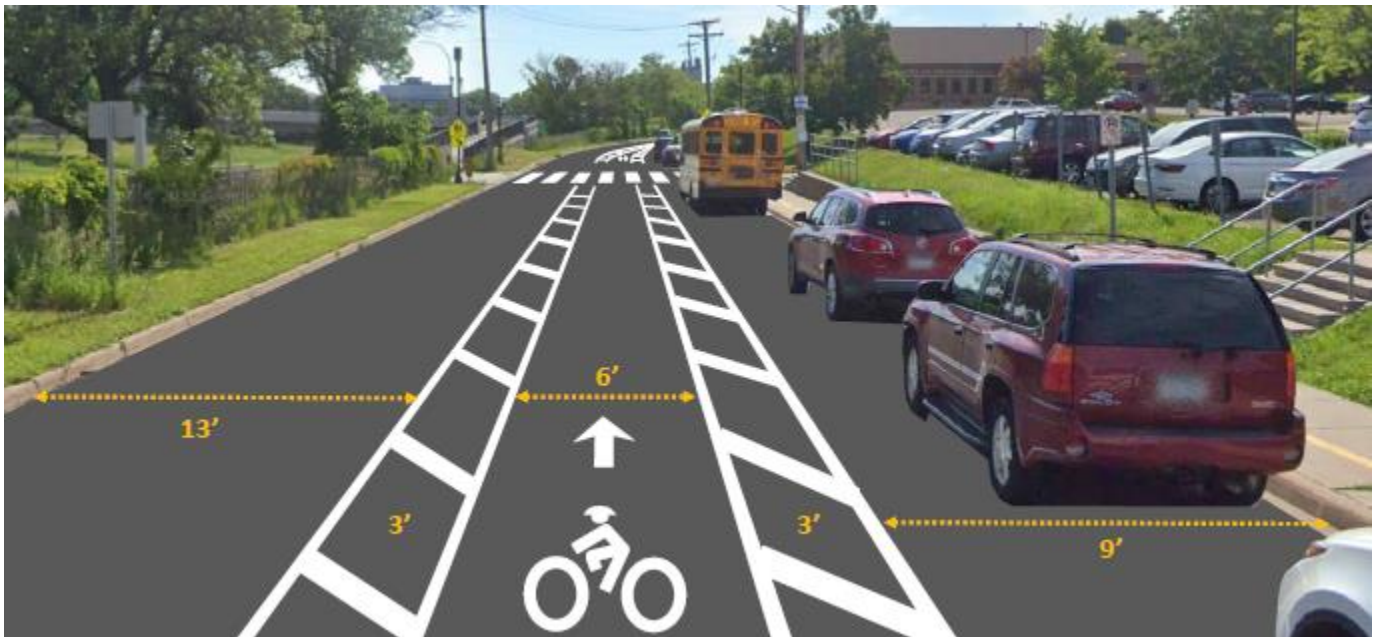
Crews will “mill,” or remove approximately two inches of the roadway and then “overlay,” or repave the street with new asphalt. The repaving portion is weather dependent, but the entire process typically takes two to four days per street segment. Road striping, including the addition of the bike lane, will be completed following the repaving of the street.

#### **Traffic calming: Reduction to 1 vehicle lane and on-street bike lane addition**

- This is a resurfacing project, and the curb will not be moved.
- City of Saint Paul requested and received a variance from MnDOT to reduce the number of vehicle lanes on Concordia Avenue from 2 lanes to 1 lane. A MnDOT variance is required because a one direction road that receives Municipal State Aid funding such as Concordia Avenue must have 2 travel lanes.
- Reducing to 1 travel lane is expected to slow traffic and calm speeding, which have been documented on Concordia Avenue and shared as an ongoing neighborhood concern.
- Removing 1 travel lane creates an opportunity to add a one-way on-street bike lane. The bike lane will use the space currently occupied by the second travel lane that the city received a variance to remove.



- The one-way eastbound on-street bike lane will be added on Concordia Avenue between Pascal Avenue and Western Avenue. The bike lane will connect to existing and planned bikeways.
- Parking will remain on the south side of Concordia Avenue. There may be some minor reductions in parking at intersections to accommodate bumpouts or traffic lane changes.



### **Pedestrian improvements**

The mill and overlay process allows the city to improve spaces for people walking. Prior to the mill and overlay work, utility work may be completed before the pedestrian improvement work, including repairing or replacing storm drains. The city's sidewalk division will:

- Install ADA-compliant ramps to improve accessibility.
- Install bumpouts (curb extensions) to narrow the road and provide a shorter crossing distance and better visibility for people. Narrowing the road also encourages slower driving speeds.

### **Community meeting on Wednesday, April 24**

Join us to learn more about the project with a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (presentation at 6:15 p.m.)

Martin Luther King Recreation Center (Multipurpose Room)

271 Mackubin Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

### **What you need to do in advance of the pedestrian improvement work:**

- Remove any personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems in the boulevard near pedestrian improvements as they may be impacted by construction. These items will not be replaced by the city.
- A flyer will be placed on your door if sidewalk or other pedestrian improvement work is happening adjacent to or near your property.
- Please follow all posted signs, especially “No Parking” signs. Cars that are not moved will be ticketed and towed.
- The street will have temporary closures or lane restrictions during milling and repaving operations. We will try to maintain access to driveways, but there may be temporary access restrictions.
- Please notify tenants/renters/visitors about the project and any parking restrictions.

### **How the project is funded**

The project is funded by the city, MnDOT, and assessments to the abutting property owners. The assessment rate has yet to be determined. A separate mailing will be sent to property owners later this summer.

### **Project updates**

To sign up for email updates and for additional information, please visit the project website at [stpaul.gov/ConcordiaResurfacing](http://stpaul.gov/ConcordiaResurfacing).

### **Rondo Avenue renaming**

Concordia Avenue from Griggs Street to Mackubin Street will be renamed Rondo Avenue. The sections of Concordia Avenue that are east and west of this area will remain named Concordia Avenue.

Residents and property owners abutting the area renamed Rondo Avenue will receive additional information. For more information visit [stpaul.gov/RondoAvenue](http://stpaul.gov/RondoAvenue).

### **Celebrate the renaming of Rondo Avenue**

To celebrate the renaming of Rondo Avenue, you are invited to a community celebration event on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 4-6:30 p.m. at Rondo Plaza (327 N Fisk Street, Saint Paul).

For any questions, please contact Public Works at 651-266-6100 or [publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Thank you,  
Saint Paul Public Works