



Street Reconstruction is Happening in Your Neighborhood in 2025 and 2026 Wheelock-Grotto Reconstruction Phase 1 and 2

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What is happening?

Neighborhood street reconstruction and pedestrian improvements are planned within the area of East Como Boulevard, Arlington Avenue, Dale Street, and Maryland Avenue for 2025 and 2026. The project will improve street pavement, curb and gutter, street lighting, sidewalks, water mains and storm sewers, as well as improve pedestrian safety by filling in missing sidewalk gaps. *See included map for street segments and phasing.*

When is this happening?

- **Phase 1 (2025):** Reconstruction is anticipated to begin in late May 2025, weather permitting. The project may continue into the 2026 construction season.
- **Phase 2 (2026):** Reconstruction is anticipated to begin in 2026.
- **Mill and Overlay (2026):** Two segments of roadway will be resurfaced (mill and overlay) in 2026 as part of Phase 2.

How is the project funded?

The project is funded by bonds and assessments to the abutting property owners. Estimated assessment rates are set before construction begins. Property owners will receive a separate notification with the estimated assessment rate and the time of a public hearing at City Council closer to the start of construction before Phase 1 and Phase 2, respectively.

Project Information

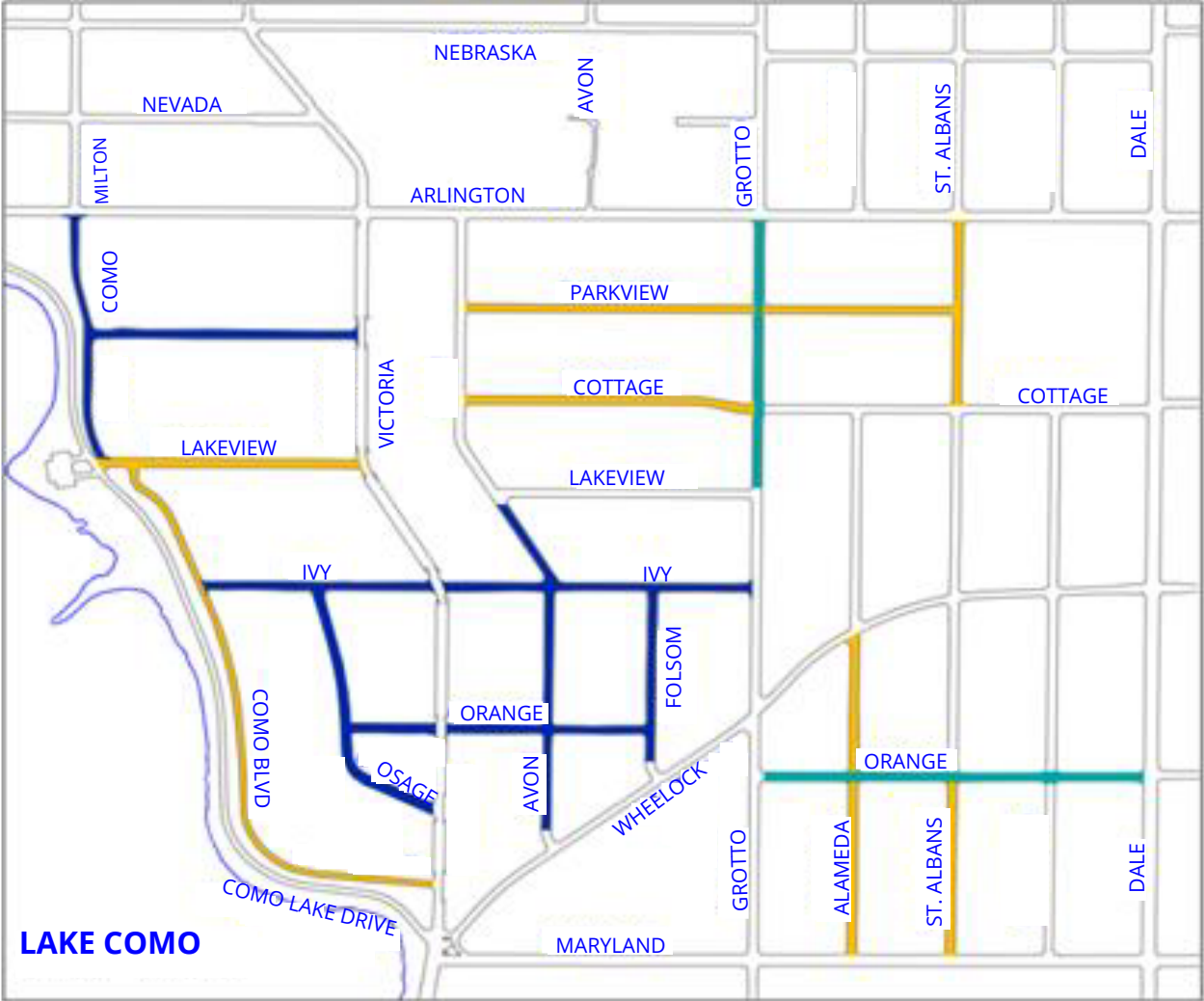
Sign up for email updates and access additional project information at: stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto1 (Phase 1) and stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2 (Phase 2). Please note that the same email list will be used throughout Phase 1 and Phase 2.




Questions

Contact the project manager Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.



Project Map



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|  | Phase 1 |
|  | Phase 2 |
|  | Mill and Overlay |

Project Details

All information provided is preliminary and subject to change

Streets

Streets will be reconstructed to provide a new driving surface. Pedestrian improvements include updating the intersection pedestrian ramps, adding missing sidewalk, updating street lighting, urban forest management, and updating signage and striping.

Sewers

Property owners are responsible for their private sewer lines that are under the roadway and connect to the city's main sewer line. Because the street is being reconstructed, it is a good time to undertake needed or preventative work/repairs on your private sewer line. The project encourages everyone to have their sanitary sewer connection inspected to verify its condition. For questions, contact the Sewer Utility service desk at 651-266-6234 or PW-SewerCounter@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Water Service

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) will replace lead services to properties that participate in the Lead Free SPRWS Program. If you have a lead water service, you will receive notice from SPRWS with details. For additional information go to www.stpaul.gov/water/lead-free, call 651-266-6820, or email lead@stpaul.gov.

Sidewalks

The city is committed to making Saint Paul a pedestrian friendly, walkable community for everyone. In February 2017, the Saint Paul City Council adopted a policy of installing sidewalks where none exist as an integral part of all reconstruction projects. The project will incorporate sidewalk recommendations from the 2023 Como Park High School and Como Park Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan within the project limits. The plan was developed by Saint Paul Public Schools staff and students along with the City of Saint Paul. It includes recommendations for street improvements near the two schools with the goal of increasing the number of students and families who walk and bike to school. The plan recommends sidewalks where there are none.

The standard placement for sidewalk installation is at the private property line. The city will work around existing trees and infrastructure where possible.

Tree Removal and Replacement

The Forestry Unit of the Parks and Recreation Department will work to minimize construction impacts to trees and remove trees if needed. Trees will be replaced where possible once construction is completed.

Existing Boulevard Gardens and Sprinklers

The project will impact the boulevard in the city's right of way. It is the property owner's responsibility to remove their personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems in the boulevard prior to construction. These will not be replaced by the city.

Street Lighting

New lantern-style streetlights will be installed in the project area.