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## Minnesota Street Reconstruction Project to Begin Monday, July 29

July 25, 2024

Starting Monday, July 29, 2024, the city will begin construction work on the Minnesota Street Phase 2 Reconstruction Project. The project will reconstruct Minnesota Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street and is scheduled to continue through November 2024.

Work will begin on Minnesota Street between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The road will be closed to through traffic starting Monday, July 29. Local business access to driveways will be maintained.

Xcel Energy, Comcast, and other utilities have already been working on Minnesota Street to update or relocate their facilities in preparation of this project. There are several additional construction projects happening throughout downtown Saint Paul, including Met Council's Gold Line Project. To stay up to date on the Gold Line Project, you can sign up for their project updates and visit their website at <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project>.

**Saint Paul Public Works will work with property owners and businesses to maintain access during construction.** The city has met with many property owners, businesses, and tenants to discuss specific concerns and project timing. Please reach out to the city directly with any issues — the project team will try to minimize disruptions to businesses and residents as much as possible.

### How do I stay informed about this project?

To find project information, updates, maps, and to sign up for periodic email updates, visit [www.stpaul.gov/minnesotastreet2](http://www.stpaul.gov/minnesotastreet2).

### Who do I contact with questions?

The city has contracted with Veit & Company, Inc to perform the reconstruction work on Minnesota Street. Their project foreman is Tegan Lenneman. He can be reached at 612-221-9529.

In addition, the city is working with WSB & Associates, Inc. to provide on-site project support with regular inspections. They are designated as the primary contact to address questions, concerns, or issues that you may have. The WSB contacts are:

- Project Manager Craig Alberg at 763-286-6141 or [calberg@wsbeng.com](mailto:calberg@wsbeng.com)
- Construction Manager Jory Talberg at 763-286-1674 or [JTalberg@wsbeng.com](mailto:JTalberg@wsbeng.com)



If you have general questions, please contact Saint Paul Public Works at 651-266-6100 or [publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us). If you have specific concerns or technical/construction questions, please contact city Project Engineer Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or [Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## **Project Details**

### **Street Widths**

The project will narrow Minnesota Street from 44 feet to 29 feet. This new street width will accommodate two northbound travel lanes and one parking/loading lane. The narrowing of the street will move the west curb line. The additional space from the west side will be used for sidewalks and a two-way off-street bikeway, which is part of the Capital City Bikeway.

### **Tree Removal and Replacement**

Existing trees on the west side of the street have been removed. New trees will be planted where possible.

### **Existing Areaways and Vaults**

Public Works has identified where the known areaways and vaults are located on Minnesota Street (those that have been documented in some way) and met with individual property owners prior to construction to better understand the location, use, and condition of existing areaways and vaults. The city's preference is to fill in areaways and vaults that are no longer in use. The cost for addressing areaways and vaults is the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Road Closures, Parking, and Access**

During construction, Minnesota Street will be closed to through traffic. The project will maintain access for emergency vehicles and access for residents and local businesses. The project team will work with property owners and businesses to maintain access, including parking ramps. There may be times when access will be temporarily restricted, and on-street parking restrictions may apply. Please follow posted signs and be aware of hooded meters.

### **Metro Transit**

Bus routes on Minnesota Street will move to Robert Street for the duration of the project. Light Rail Transit will continue to operate during construction.