



Street Reconstruction is Happening in your Neighborhood in 2025

University Avenue Street Reconstruction

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TO: Neighbors of University Avenue Corridor, from I-35E to Lafayette Road

FROM: Don Pflaum, Project Manager, Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: Reconstruction of University Avenue, from I-35E to Lafayette Road

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works has hired Bolton & Menk, Inc. as the lead consultant for the public engagement, design, and full reconstruction of University Avenue from just west of I-35E to Lafayette Road. Construction for this project is currently scheduled to start Spring 2025. The roadway is approximately ¼ mile, serves multiple modes of transportation, and provides access to several properties through a primarily industrial area. The intersection of Lafayette Road and University Avenue is part of this work, but the design has not been finalized.



Project Extents

The project will include the following above ground improvements:

- A separated bikeway along University Avenue.
- New boulevards, sidewalks, and curb ramps along University Avenue.





- A 4-lane to 3-lane conversion with left turn lanes at the interchange and intersections.
- Roadway reconstruction work including new surfacing, signals and lighting.
- New trees and additional green space in boulevards.

Below ground improvements include:

- Coordination with private and public utilities along the project corridor.
- Water and sewer replacements and repairs will be completed as necessary in coordination with the project.
- Implementation of stormwater management systems.

A portion of this street reconstruction project will be paid for by a 1% local sales tax, called Common Cent. This sales tax was approved by Saint Paul voters in November 2023. A portion of the project will also be funded through assessments to property owners abutting the extents of the project. The estimated assessment rate is based on a third-party special benefit analysis of the property values in the project area. Property owners will receive a notice of the estimated rate and date for a public hearing when estimated rates are available. More information on assessments can be found at stpaul.gov/commoncent and stpaul.gov/specialassessments.



The team has currently started surveying work in coordination with this project. A project management team (PMT) of Saint Paul Public Works staff and the consultant team will meet during the design phase. The team will connect with property owners and local stakeholders and provide updates during design and construction. There is an identified sensitivity to the existing Emergency Services Facilities that are located within the corridor, and special attention will be made to ensure their operations continue without interruption. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce this very important project to you. My intent is to keep you apprised of the activities during design and construction. Please contact me at 651-266-9147 or my colleague, Jimmy Shoemaker, Transportation Planner, Department of Public Works at 651-266-6204 if you have any questions. Please follow this link, stpaul.gov/UniversityAvenue for project updates or to sign-up for emails related to this project.

Sincerely,

Don Pflaum, Project Manager, Department of Public Works

