



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

October 18, 2024

What is happening?

Public Works will be reconstructing the Wheelock-Grotto neighborhood bounded by Como Boulevard, Grotto Street, Wheelock Parkway, and Arlington Avenue. The reconstruction project will include placement of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer drains, sewer and water main pipelines, bituminous pavement, sodded boulevards, boulevard trees, street lighting, new sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, concrete outwalks, and concrete driveway aprons.

Ways to learn more about the project

Recorded presentations: Visit the project webpage at stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto to watch recorded presentations on the street reconstruction and sidewalk work.

In-person and virtual meetings: Join us in person or online at two separate community meetings, November 7 and 12. There will be a short presentation at the beginning of the meetings, as well as an opportunity to talk one-on-one with staff about construction-related questions.

Virtual Meeting (via Microsoft Teams) Thursday, November 7, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.			
Online	1	Visit	stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto
	2	Click	Meeting Link
or			
Call in (audio only)	1	Call	612-315-7905
	2	Enter	Conference ID 124 662 288#

In-person Community Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
North Dale Recreation Center 1414 St Albans Street North Saint Paul, MN 55117	

Updates direct to your email: To sign up for project updates, visit stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto.



When is the project happening?

The Wheelock-Grotto Reconstruction Project is currently in the design phase. Phase 1 reconstruction work is anticipated to begin June 2025 and continue through November 2025.

Will new sidewalks be added?

Yes, the city is committed to making Saint Paul a walkable community for everyone. In 2017, the Saint Paul City Council adopted a policy of installing sidewalks where none exist as a 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. The Plan recommends sidewalks where there are currently none.

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

A detailed map of the sidewalk layout is available at stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto.

What is the cost and how is the project funded?

The total estimated cost of the project is \$10 million. The project is funded by the city with Street Reconstruction Bonds and special assessments to the abutting property owners. The assessable cost to property owners is usually no more than 25% of the overall project cost.

The 2025 assessment rates have not yet been set by the City Council. Property owners will receive a notification with the estimated assessment rate and a public hearing date at City Council before the start of construction. After the project is completed, property owners will receive the special assessment bill.

More information about special assessments, including how the special assessment is calculated, is available at stpaul.gov/SpecialAssessments.

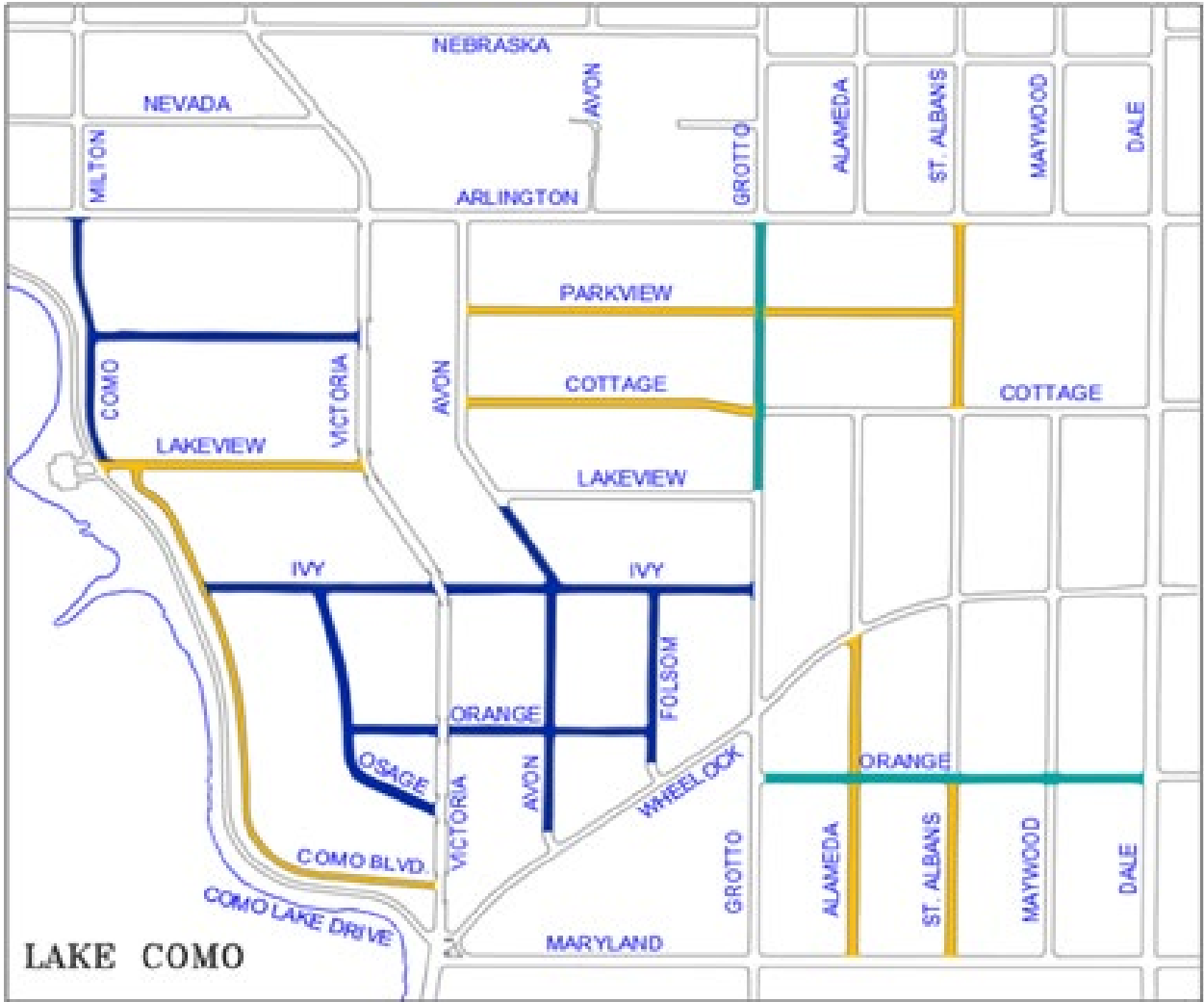
Project information

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




Questions

Contact Project Manager Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Project Map for Phases 1 and 2



Map Key

	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 stpaul.gov/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 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.

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Tree Removal and Replacement

The Forestry division 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.