2025 Pleasant Avenue Reconstruction



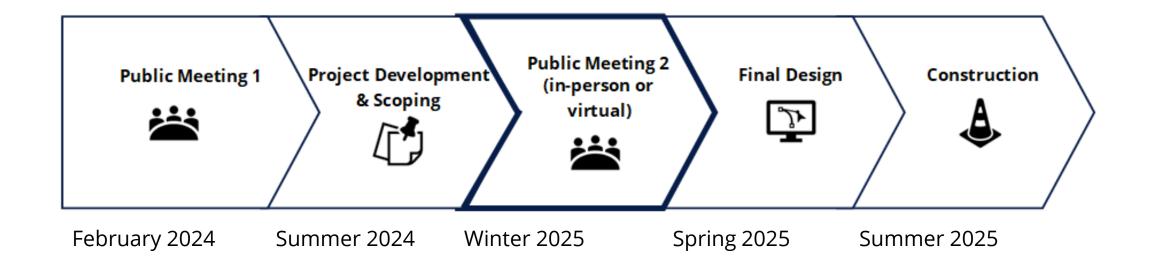


Project Area





Schedule





Project goals



Connect bicycle and pedestrian network



Improve drainage to keep water and ice from pooling on the road



Add streetlights and design for safer speeds



Replace aging pavement



What we heard?

Online Survey and Public Meeting:

- Many comments supportive of a new shared use path
- Concerns about speeding (particularly at intersection of Pleasant Avenue/Benhill Road/Victoria Street)
- More multimodal connections outside of original project area
 - Extended project scope to include Victoria Street from Pleasant Avenue to Jefferson Avenue



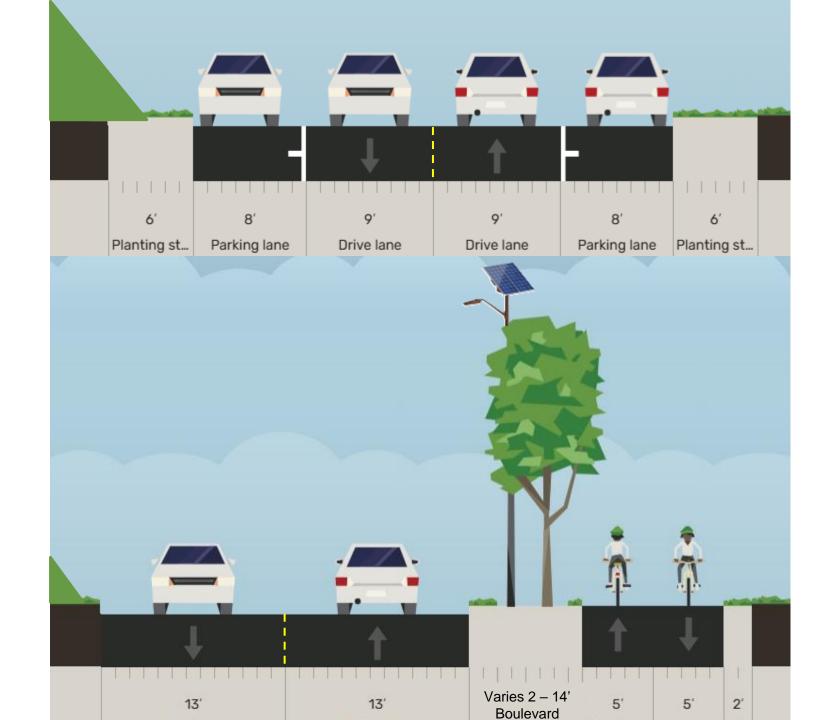
Where we are going: Final Designs

- Road narrowed from 17 foot lanes to 13 foot lanes
- Adding shared use path on south side of Pleasant Avenue and East side of Victoria Street
- Widening sidewalk on West side of Victoria Street from 5 feet to 6 feet
- Adding spot drainage mitigation on the North side of Pleasant Avenue and underground drainage mitigation under the boulevard on the south side of Pleasant Avenue
- Adding solar lighting
- Removing parking on Victoria
 Street and Pleasant Avenue



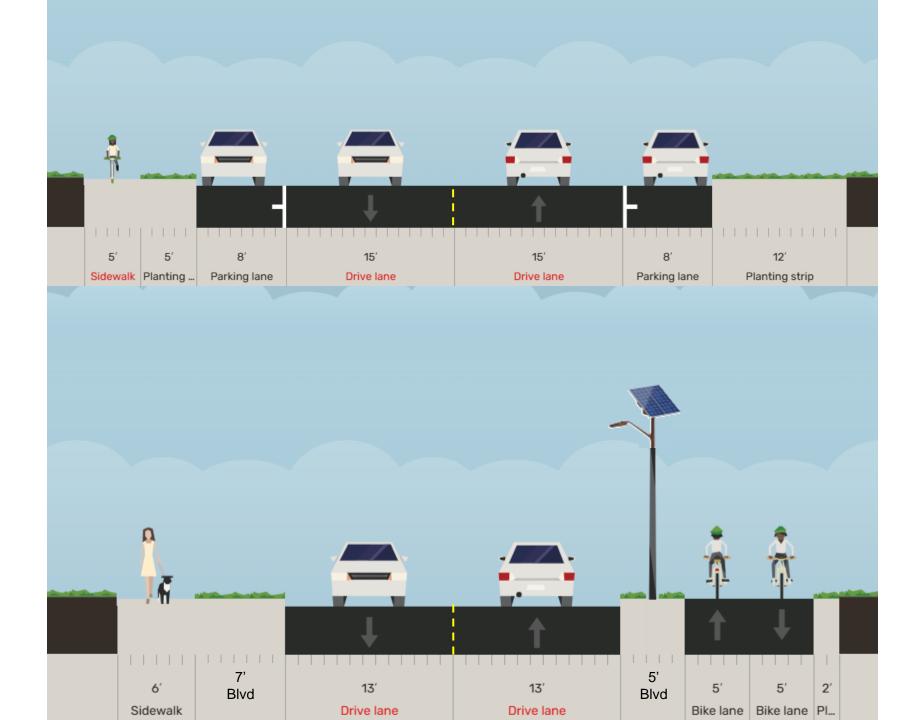
Current Pleasant

Future Pleasant



Current Victoria

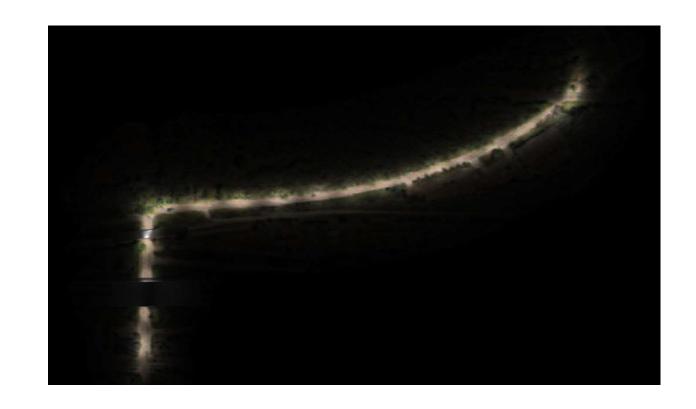
Future Victoria





Solar lighting

- First solar lights in the City
- Good location as it is south facing
- Copper wire theft has been an issue
- 19 new lights on the South side of Pleasant Avenue and East side of Victoria Street
- 30 foot tall poles
- Will install underground conduit for standard electric lights if found necessary to change to standard lighting in the future





Trees

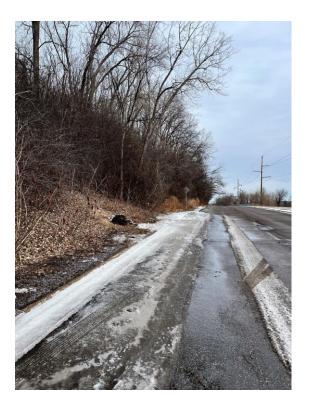
- Pruning for visibility and safety on the north side of Pleasant Avenue
- Will remove trees on south side next to the Yard Waste site (8 trees)
- Will plant new trees of various species on Pleasant Avenue







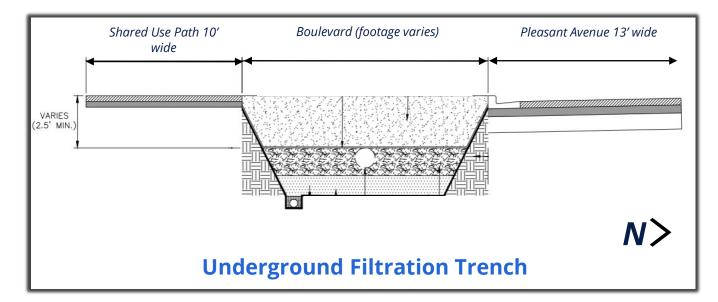
- Adding catch basins on road
- Adding drop inlets north of Pleasant Avenue
- Underground filtration system in two locations on the South side of Pleasant Avenue (under the boulevard)
- Working with Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) for final approval







Catch Basin





Intersections

 Benhill Road/ Pleasant Avenue/ Victoria Street – narrowing and slight realignment of curb







Intersections

• Saint Clair Avenue and Pleasant Avenue – Bump outs







Funding

- Saint Paul Streets Program (bond funding): \$6,280,000
 - Public Art: 1% of eligible funding www.stpaul.gov/PublicArt
 - Assessments: Usually 25% of project cost is assessable to properties on the road being reconstructed based on property footage and special benefit analysis www.stpaul.gov/SpecialAssessments



Next Steps

- Saint Paul Public Works will finalize designs
- Project goes to City Council for assessment approval in April
- Construction Summer 2025

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