



## City of Saint Paul Public Works

# Grand Avenue Reconstruction Public Meeting March 20, 2025



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# Project overview

**Infrastructure and safety improvements for everyone are being made to Grand Avenue between Fairview and Snelling avenues.**

## Project improvements

Pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements



Upgrade and modernize underground utilities



Sidewalk and landscape improvements



Signal improvements

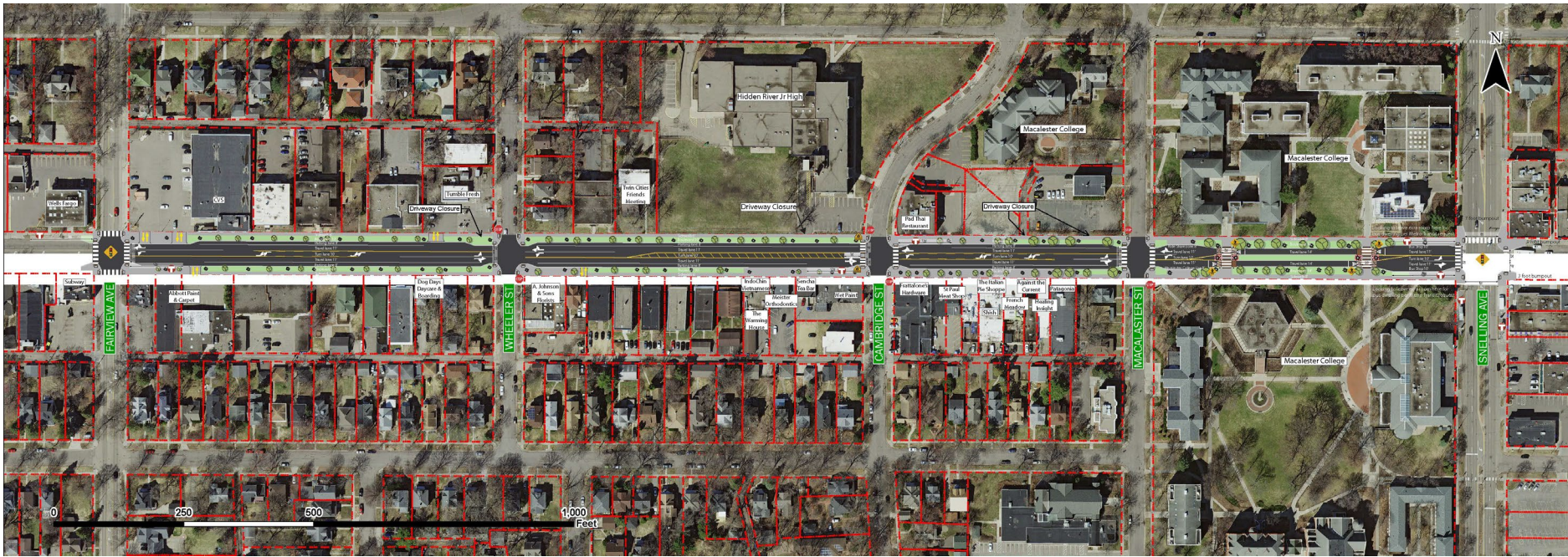


Balance corridor for all users





# Design reconstruction overview





# Construction updates

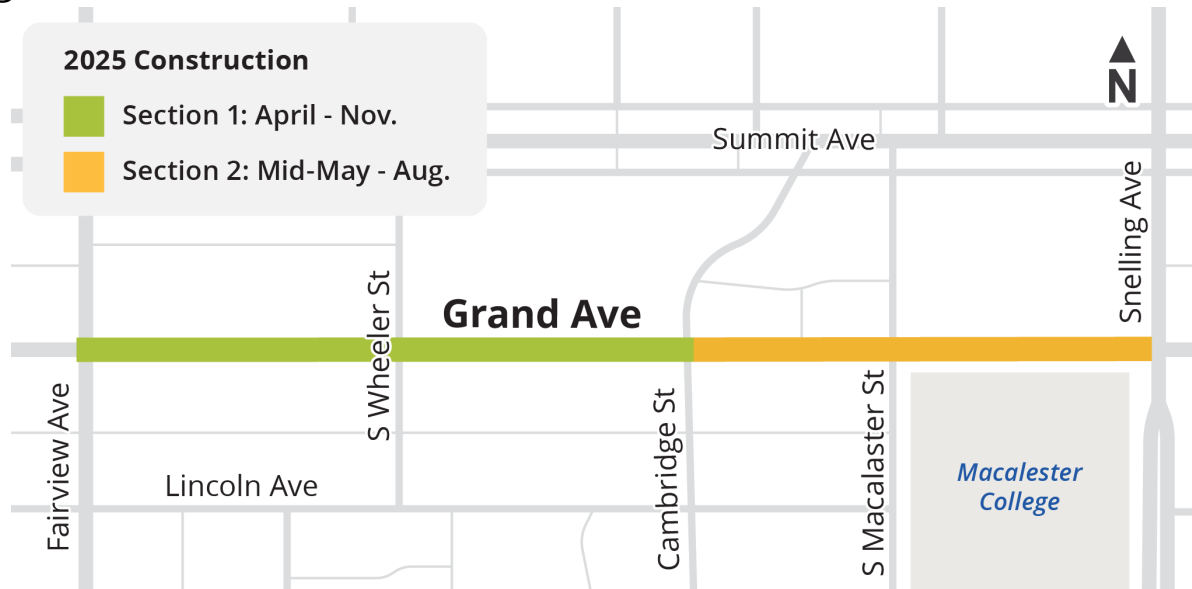
- New project management
  - Project Manager: Kyle Anderson, Consultant (SEH)
  - Project Construction Inspector: Sarah Wiener, Consultant (SEH)
  - Assistant City Engineer: Steve Dodge, City of Saint Paul
- Construction along the full corridor will occur in 2025
- Snelling Avenue and Grand Avenue intersection work is not part of this project
  - Intersection construction is proposed to start in fall of 2025 (separate MnDOT project)
- Coordination needed with other area projects to meet dates and expectations



# Construction schedule

## Full reconstruction of Grand Avenue in one construction season begins April 2025:




- **Section 1, April-November 2025:** Fairview Avenue to Cambridge Street, including the Fairview intersection
  - Cambridge Street intersection work will occur October-November
- **Section 2, May-August 2025:** Cambridge Street to Snelling Avenue, not including the Snelling Avenue intersection

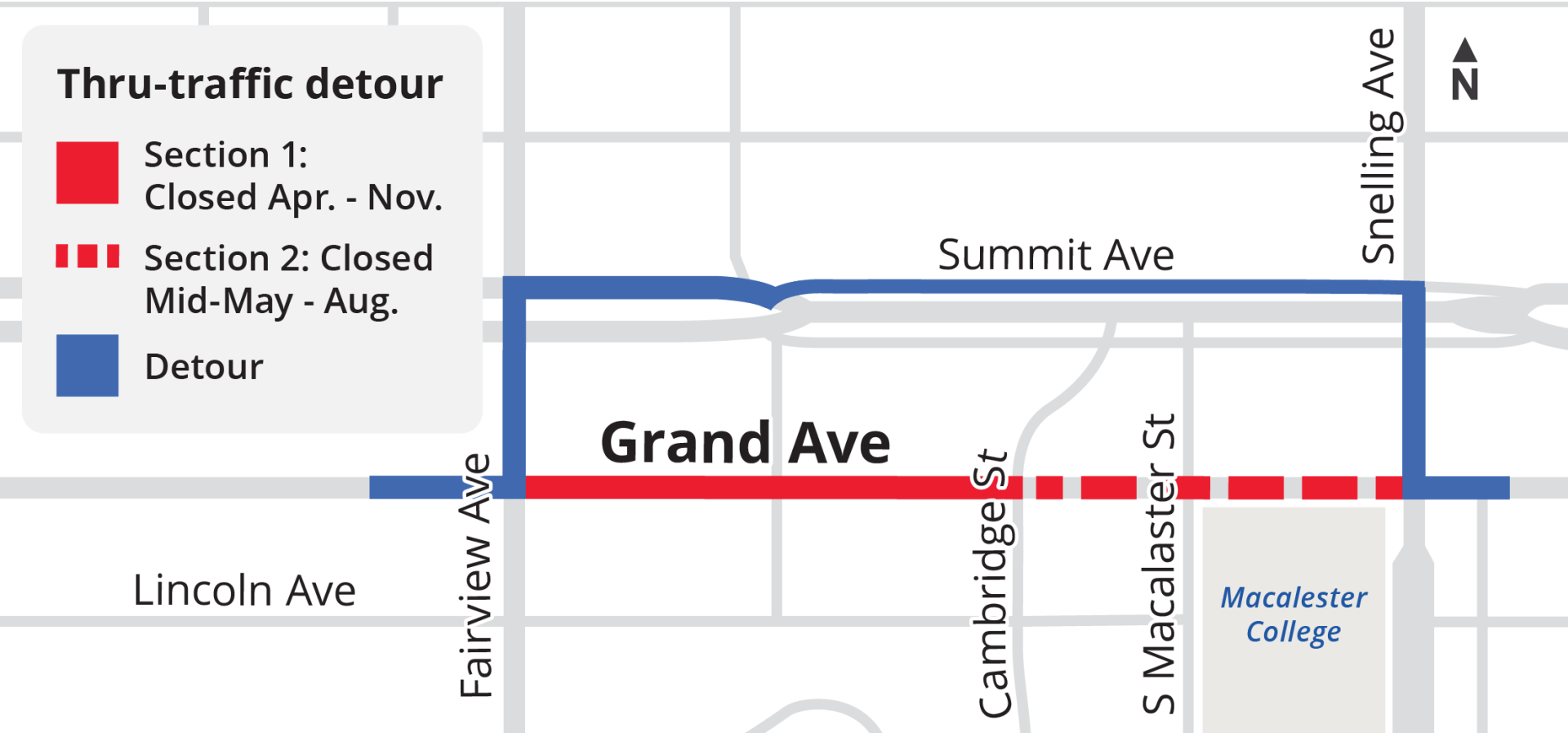




# Anticipated Thru Traffic Detour for Cars

## Thru-traffic detour

-  Section 1:  
Closed Apr. - Nov.
-  Section 2: Closed  
Mid-May - Aug.
-  Detour





# Access during construction

- Access to businesses and properties will be maintained throughout construction, but alternative access points and detours may be used
- Sidewalk access will remain open on one side of Grand Avenue
- Intersections will remain open to north/south traffic, except when work is occurring through them
- Deliveries should use alleys and side streets
- Metro Transit routes will be detoured for updated info visit: [metrotransit.org/rider-alerts](https://metrotransit.org/rider-alerts)







# Anticipated impacts during construction

- No parking on Grand Avenue
  - Businesses can direct customers to the nearest side street for parking
  - Additional two-hour parking spaces a half-block north and south of Grand Avenue along Wheeler, Cambridge, and Macalester Streets may be installed
  - Any existing side street parking restrictions will remain in place
  - These side street parking restrictions will be enforced and may be adjusted as needed
- Sidewalk patios will not be allowed during construction
- Temporary water and other utilities/services replacement
  - Properties may need to be placed on temporary water supply/lines
  - Properties may have limited impacts to service and building access during sewer and water service replacement

**Properties that have anticipated access and utility impacts will be notified and coordinated with in advance**



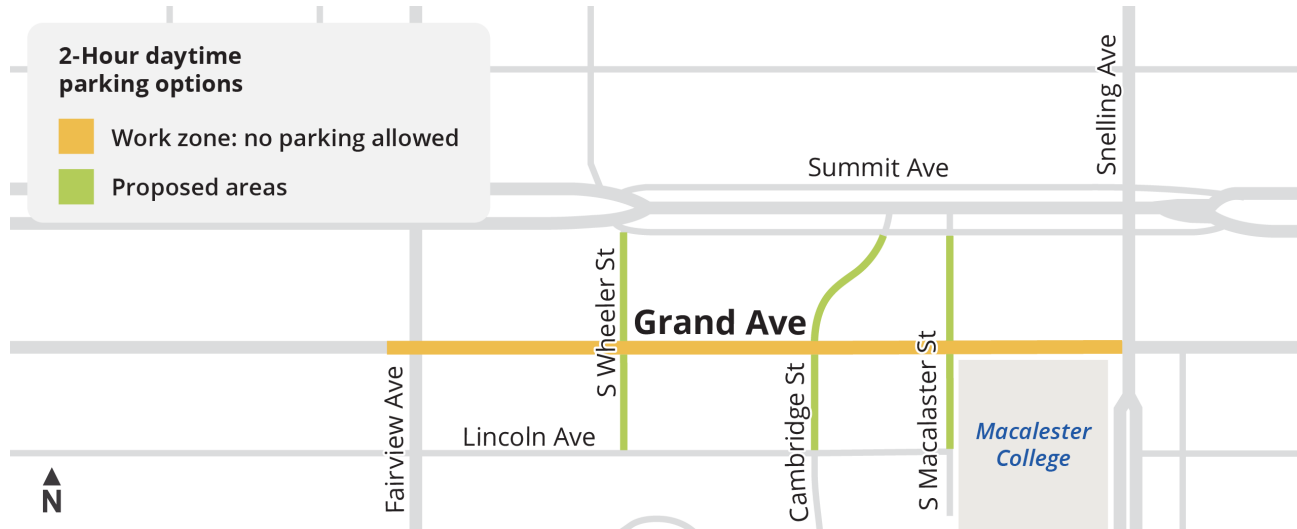
# Parking impacts

- No parking on Grand Avenue
- Parking available on side streets
- Access to private parking lots from side streets and alleys will be maintained
- Parking lots with access only from Grand Avenue will have some closures
- Existing Macalester College lot north of Grand Avenue off Macalester Street will be unavailable due to Macalester construction work starting on their new building



# Proposed temporary parking

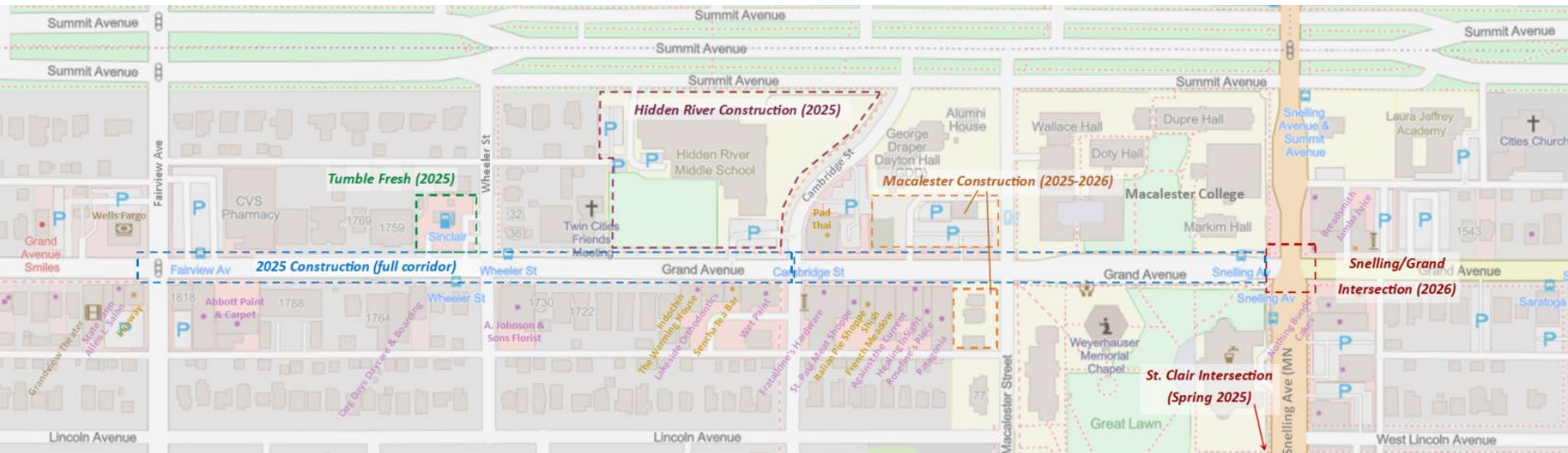
- Proposed temporary two-hour daytime parking restrictions one block north and south of Grand Avenue during construction
  - From 8 AM to 6 PM
  - Wheeler Street, Cambridge Street, Macalester Street
  - No existing restrictions will be changed
  - Increased enforcement





# Other projects in the area

Project staff will coordinate with other projects in the area





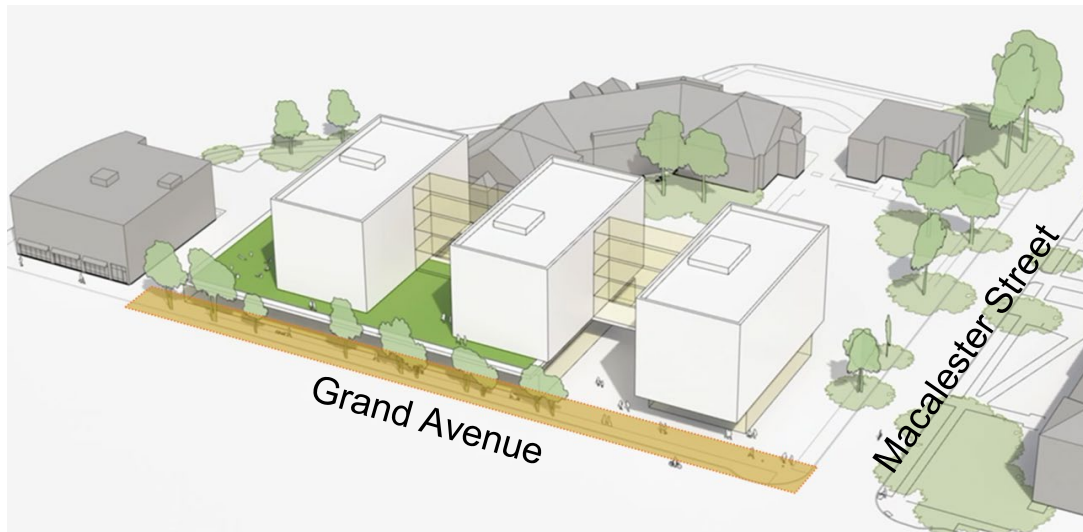
# 2025 Community events & other projects

- **May 17:** Macalester Commencement
- **Spring:** MnDOT Hwy 51/Snelling Avenue project: St. Clair Avenue signal replacement and intersection paving completion date (specific dates TBD)
- **June 1:** Grand Old Day: including parade and 5K run
- **June 5-8:** Macalester Alumni Reunion
- **July 19:** Scottish Fair at Macalester
- **August 13, 18, 25, 30, 31:** Macalester move-in dates
- **September 2:** Macalester classes start
- **Summer/fall:** Macalester construction: Initial work starts at new Macalester building (specific dates TBD)



# Coordination with Macalester construction

- Sidewalk and boulevard along Grand Avenue adjacent to Macalester's construction will have temporary improvements.
- Final sidewalk and landscaping will be done once Macalester's new residence hall and welcome center is completed.





# Questions?

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