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Dear Western Avenue Resident:

This is to notify you that the Western Avenue (Selby to University) construction project that began last fall will start back up this spring as soon as weather permits. Much of the information in this letter is similar to a letter you received last fall. We hope to keep you updated on the progress of construction in your area, and answer any questions you may have while construction activity is going on. In some cases, it may be necessary to contact other sources since there will be other utility companies also working in your area. Overall, we are sure the long-term benefits will exceed the inconveniences you will be faced with during construction.

The general contractor for this project is **Palda & Sons, Inc., 1462 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104. Palda's office number is 651-644-1604.** Palda will also have several subcontractors doing specialized work at various times during the project.

Most of the road work for the north portion of Western (St. Anthony Avenue to University Avenue) was completed last fall. Some work (new concrete sidewalk, final layer of asphalt, striping, signing, sodding, etc.) still needs to be completed this spring/summer on this portion of Western Avenue.

This spring, as weather permits, roadway work will start on the southern half of the project (Selby Avenue to Concordia Avenue). At this time, we anticipate construction starting during the first half of April.

Xcel Energy will also have crews working on the project. The Xcel Energy work consists of upgrading gas distribution systems. This utility work will cause disruption and some inconvenience to residents. Holes will be dug in the street and in the sidewalk to accomplish the utility work. This utility work moves quickly, so the excavations are open for a short time. Panels of sidewalk removed for this work will be restored by the Street Construction contractor.

Palda will replace all lead water services from the water main to the property line. This work will be done in conjunction with Palda's street work. There will be some water main replacement in the roadway intersections.

The **project inspector** from the City of Saint Paul who works closely with the contractor on this project is Jamie Heiden. He is the closest link to problem-solving because he communicates with everyone on the construction site on a daily basis. **Jamie's cell phone number is 651-755-0115 and his office number is 651-266-6127.**

If you have **any landscaping items in the boulevard or immediately behind the sidewalk that you would like to save**, we suggest removing them as soon as possible and storing them until the sodding and boulevard/sidewalk work has been completed. Anything left in the boulevard will be removed and disposed of by the contractor.



If you do not want topsoil or sod in your boulevard, please let the project inspector (Jamie) know as soon as possible so that the contractor can be made aware of this change. If you do not inform us otherwise, you will have topsoil and sod placed in your boulevard.

If you have a **brick driveway/outwalk or a special outwalk that you wish to save and reuse**, you should remove those features before the contractor begins work on your block. If you do not remove them, the contractor will remove them and dispose of the materials. If you want to reset the brick/special items instead of having a concrete driveway or outwalk, please let the project inspector know so that the contractor does not pour the concrete driveway or outwalk, as is the standard.

We ask for your help and cooperation with the following:

Children are usually attracted by activity and heavy equipment. For safety reasons, we ask your help in keeping children away from the construction area since they cannot always be seen by workers intent on their jobs. There will be opportunities to watch from yards where it is safe.

The **typical workday is 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday**. During that time, **parking restrictions** may apply in some areas. Watch for signs to be posted if there are restrictions. During the evening and early morning hours of 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and on weekends, parking will be allowed if job site conditions permit. Occasionally, the contractor may work past 6:00 p.m. or on a weekend. If it appears they are still working, we suggest parking at some other location until they cease operations for the day. In the event of an emergency so that you must park on the street during work hours, please leave your address on the dash so we can have you move your car if it is in the way.

Sod that is placed is guaranteed by our contractor for 30 days. Since **new sod requires frequent watering**, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in watering your new boulevard sod. After the **30-day-guarantee period** expires, the homeowner will be responsible for the maintenance of the sod in the boulevard. We caution you **not to do any fertilizing the first year**. However, after the first year it will be necessary to do additional fertilizing and frequent watering for three-to-four years until the sod is fully established.

If you wish to have concrete work performed on your property, the Public Works Sidewalk Division has a list of licensed and insured contractors. For a copy of that list, call the **Public Works Sidewalk Division at 651-266-6120**.

During construction, temporary lights are installed when the lanterns are removed. Sometimes, these temporary lights may be disrupted. Please call the **Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance Division at 651-266-9777** to report any outages you notice. A repair will be undertaken as soon as possible. These temporary street lights will be in use until the new street lighting system is energized.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system in the boulevard or immediately behind the sidewalk**, it is your responsibility to remove the system before our contractor begins work, repair the system if the contractor damages it, and replace the system after the contractor has completed placing sod in the boulevard.

During the course of the work **there will be a period of time when access to your residence or business by your driveway will be difficult and sometimes not possible**. Typically, this occurs with the beginning of the sub-grade correction work through the construction of your driveway apron, including adequate concrete curing time. You will receive further information on this as the work unfolds. Alley access will be maintained at all times.

Concrete driveway aprons will be constructed where legal driveways currently exist. The width will be ten (10) feet or will match the existing driveway width, whichever is greater. Existing walks from the residence to the public walk will be continued across the boulevard to the new curb. These outwalks will be three (3) feet wide, unless a wider poured concrete walk exists in the boulevard prior to construction work. Custom outwalks (colored, curved, flared, stamped, etc.) will be replaced with standard outwalks, placed perpendicular to the curb. No custom outwalks will be replaced in kind.

New outwalks shall be placed five (5) feet from existing trees, even if the existing outwalk is closer to the tree. This prevents damage to the tree and helps to reduce tree-heaved sidewalk panels in the future. Any questions you have regarding this policy should be addressed to the Construction Division prior to work beginning on your block.

The Construction Division will make every effort to keep you informed of all aspects of work on this project, and to keep you current with the progress of work. There are many variables affecting a construction schedule (i.e., weather, utility conflicts, and upgrades) making it a rather unpredictable affair. Still, we will give you our best projection of work planned for the next week. These updates are made available to you by calling **651-266-ROAD (651-266-7623)**. This same information is also available on the Internet at **<http://www.stpaul.gov/construction>**. You may also call any of the numbers listed on the next page if you have questions about the project.

“Don’t Stop Recycling!”

You can recycle all summer long even though your street is scheduled for construction. Set your materials close to the street in a visible place. If the regular recycling trucks cannot get through your street, they will use a smaller truck to collect your recycling. They may pick up recycling on your street earlier or later than other streets in your neighborhood, or they may need to return the following morning to access your street. **Please have your recycling out by 7:00 a.m. and leave it out until noon the next day.** If they miss your recycling or if you have questions, please call the **Recycling Hotline at 651-222-SORT (7678)**.

Thank you,

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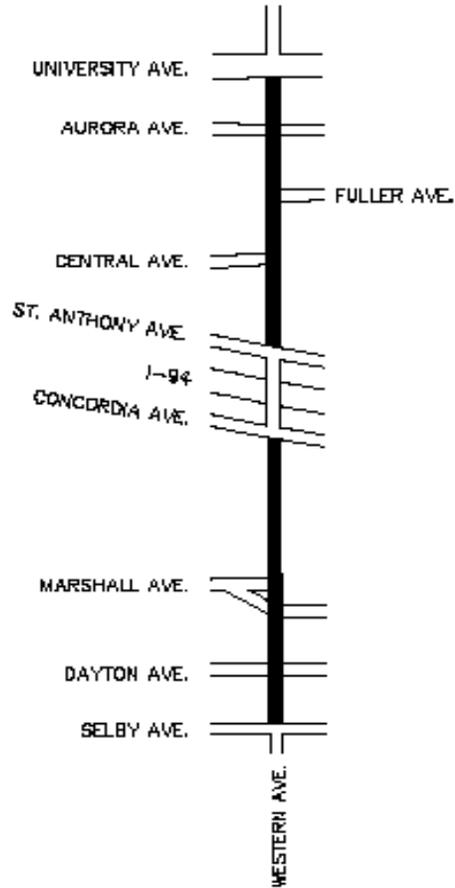
PROJECT INFORMATION NUMBERS

Saint Paul Public Works Project Inspector: Jamie Heiden	651-755-0115
Palda and Sons, Inc: Contractor.....	651-644-1604
Xcel Energy Emergency.....	1-800-895-2999
Xcel Energy Gas Division: Mike Madigan.....	651-265-7068
Xcel Energy’s Contractor: Q3.....	651-224-2424
Saint Paul Parks & Forestry: Zach Jorgensen.....	651-632-2437
Saint Paul Regional Water Services General Information: Graeme Chaple ..	651-266-6882
Saint Paul Regional Water Services 24-Hour Emergency & Complaints	651-266-6868
Saint Paul Public Works 24-Hour Emergency	651-266-9700
Saint Paul Public Works Construction & Street Design	651-266-6080
Saint Paul Public Works Project Designer: Barb Mundahl	651-266-6112
Saint Paul Public Works Project Supervisor: Scott Brimer	651-266-6225
Saint Paul Public Works Project Engineer: Dan Haak	651-266-6084
Saint Paul Public Works Street Lighting.....	651-266-9777
Metro Transit General Information	612-373-3333
Recycling Hotline	651-222-7678
Project Updates	651-266-7623
Saint Paul Assessment Office.....	651-266-8858

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WESTERN AVENUE

Selby to University