



City of Saint Paul Capital Budget Proposal

Funding years 2022-2023

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Paul Capital Improvement Budget. Through the capital improvement budget process, we strive to reflect and uphold the values of our community. Our funding decisions are guided by the principles of equity and inclusion, strategic investments, and fiscal responsibility.

Please respond to each question listed below as it applies to your project. Please do not submit your proposal until the application is complete.

Before proceeding with the application, please read and indicate your awareness of the following requirements.

ADA requirements available at: <https://www.ada.gov>

I am aware of ADA requirements.

CERT requirements available at: <https://cert.smwbe.com/>

I am aware of CERT requirements.

Saint Paul's public art ordinance available at: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/financial-services/public-art-ordinance-program>

I am aware of the City's public art ordinance.



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Project Overview

1. Project Title:

Larpenteur Avenue Sidewalk Construction

2. Brief (1-2 sentence) Summary of Project:

Sidewalk will be constructed along the south side of Larpenteur Avenue to link pedestrian traffic from medium density neighborhoods with transit lines and other destinations. Some storm sewer work with new curb and gutter, as well as upgrades to pedestrian safety measures and ADA compliance will also be installed.

3. Project Location:

Larpenteur Avenue between Dale Street and Farrington Street.

4. Affected Ward(s): See the [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- Ward 1 Ward 5
- Ward 2 Ward 6
- Ward 3 Ward 7
- Ward 4

5. Affected Neighborhood District Council(s): See the [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- District Council 1 District Council 6 District Council 11 District Council 16
- District Council 2 District Council 7 District Council 12 District Council 17
- District Council 3 District Council 8 District Council 13 Citywide
- District Council 4 District Council 9 District Council 14
- District Council 5 District Council 10 District Council 15

6. Estimated Project Completion Date:

Fall 2023

7. Submitting Department:

Public Works Street Design and Construction



8. Department Priority (numerical priority out of total submitted projects, ex. 3 of 6):

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9. Which category best describes your project?

- Buildings
- Streets and Utilities
- Residential and Economic Development
- Parks and Trails
- Other

Project Description

10. Please describe the project including a physical description of the project noting important sub-elements and information on project timing and/or phasing.

The project will place new sidewalk along the south side of Larpenteur Avenue from Dale Street to Farrington Street. Due to grades along the corridor, new retaining walls and pedestrian safety railing will also be installed, along with new curb and gutter and related storm sewer work. Some driveway aprons will be replaced to ensure ADA compliance.

Purpose and Justification

11. Please provide pertinent information on the purpose and justification for this project. Please consider the following questions in your response:

- Why is this project important? (eg. opportunity for collaboration, condition, significant need, etc.)
- What problem is this project trying to solve?
- What benefits does it provide to residents or users? What is the historical context of this project?
- Is this a new project, an improvement or expansion project, or maintenance on an existing asset?
- Does this project address any specific health and safety concerns?
- Does this project address an inequity or otherwise support diversity and inclusion?

This project is important because it provides a safe path for pedestrian traffic where the only other option is to walk in the street. Recent pedestrian crashes in the project zone highlight the need to improve safety in this corridor. As a High Priority Pedestrian Area identified by the City's adopted Master Pedestrian Plan, sidewalks are a necessity to provide easy access to both local destinations, as well as transit facilities on Dale and Rice Streets. The project is new, but the intent to fill gaps in the pedestrian plan throughout the City is ongoing. This is a Ramsey County Corridor where costs are shared between the City and the County. This



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project is located within an area of racially concentrated poverty. The project will also help the ADA community by providing compliant facilities where they currently do not exist.



Funding Request

Anticipated Funding Source*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
Ramsey County			\$500,000				\$500,000
St Paul CIB		\$150,000	\$350,000				\$500,000
Total		\$150,000	\$850,000				\$1,000,000

Anticipated Expenses*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
Removal/Concrete			\$125,000				\$125,000
Curb			\$25,000				\$25,000
Tree Removal and Landscape Restoration			\$50,000				\$50,000
Retaining Wall and Railing			\$500,000				\$500,000
Contingency			\$100,000				\$100,000
Engineering and Inspection		\$150,000	\$50,000				\$200,000
Total		\$150,000	\$850,000				\$1,000,000

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Additional comments regarding funding request:

The City will enter into a cost sharing agreement with Ramsey County to fund this project.

Fiscal Responsibility

12. Have grants or other matching funds for this project been secured?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain: Ramsey County will provide cost participation

13. How does this project further City goals of fiscal responsibility? As applicable, include details such as:

- Status and timing details of grants applied for and/or secured or other non-City funding sources.
- Estimated annual increase or decrease in operating costs for this project.
- How operating cost increases or decreases were determined (include details such as personnel costs, materials, maintenance, contracts, energy savings, etc.).
- If new infrastructure, how the department will pay for the increased operating costs.
- Whether the project is currently underway.



- If/how the project prevents a measurable financial loss or reduces future expenses.
- If/how the project contributes to growth in the City's tax base.

Ramsey County has agreed to cost share on this project and has committed \$300,000. It is expected that the adjacent property owners will maintain this sidewalk. Ramsey County will need to maintain the retaining wall and the City is not expected to see an operational increase on this project.

Condition

14. Facility/Pavement Condition Index: The sidewalk currently does not exist.

15. Expected useful life of the project: 30 years

16. Please elaborate on any issues relating to condition. Consider things such as:

- Whether/how this project remediates health or safety issues that pose a danger to users.
- Whether/how this project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements.

The project will provide a safe route for pedestrians to travel along Larpenteur Avenue so that they no longer need to walk in the street and risk accidents with motor vehicle. As a part of construction, several driveway aprons will be replaced to meet ADA guidelines along with the new sidewalk.

Usage

17. Describe the current and potential usage of this project, using the following questions as a guide:

- If this is an existing asset, who currently uses it?
- How is it used?
- Who might use it if this project is funded?
- How will this project/improvement meet the needs of the surrounding community/those who do or will use it?

The neighborhood along the south side of Larpenteur Avenue is somewhat isolated from other parts of the city as there are physical barriers that make it difficult to travel. Many residents walk to the transit lines on Dale and Rice Streets. This new sidewalk will provide a new non-motorized option, providing a safer trip than walking on the road along with vehicle traffic.

Equity and Inclusion

The City of Saint Paul and the Capital Improvement Budget Committee are committed to advancing equity and inclusion in Saint Paul.



Economic Impact

18. Describe the economic development impact of the project, using the following questions as a guide:

- How does this project create jobs?
- How does this project promote business opportunities?
- How does this promote economic development in underserved or underdeveloped neighborhoods?

The construction of this project will provide good wages to construction workers and result in improved access to local businesses. As previously mentioned, this project removes a major gap for pedestrians. Many people within the city do not own a car, which is expensive to maintain. This project will help reduce reliance on motor vehicles.

Community Impact

19. Please describe the impact this project will have on the community. As applicable, address issues such as:

- Potential to enhance neighborhood stability or quality of life
- Right fit (supports or enhances the cultural characteristics of the surrounding community)
- Proximity to Area of Concentrated Poverty where 50% or more of residents are people of color (ACP50)
- Art/aesthetics
- Unmet need
- Accessibility
- Transportation
- Potential long term positive/negative effects on community
- Historical or cultural significance of asset
- Public safety
- Equitable and inclusive design

This project has great potential to improve quality of life in the near-by neighborhoods, which are classified as being in an ACP50 area. By filling this gap in the pedestrian system, residents will have better and safer access to destinations. With several recent pedestrian accidents on the roadway, people will be safer using the new ADA compliant sidewalk.

Strategic Investment

20. How does this project further City goals of strategic investment? As applicable, include details such as:

- Collaborative arrangements with outside project partners, including who they are and what their role is with the project.



- Collaborative arrangements with other City departments for this project (example: bundling materials).
- How this project promotes innovation (incorporates new technology, uses resources strategically, etc.).
- How this project takes climate change/environmental sustainability/energy efficiency into account.
- How this project complies with a need or goal identified in an adopted City or neighborhood plan.

The City looks to leverage a 50% cost share with Ramsey County which owns Larpenteur Avenue. This project fills a gap in the Pedestrian Plan and allows easier access to public transportation routes on Dale and Rice Streets.

Other

What else you would like to tell us about this project that was not addressed in the questions above?

As previously mentioned, this is a leveraged safety project that will fill in a major gap in the pedestrian network.

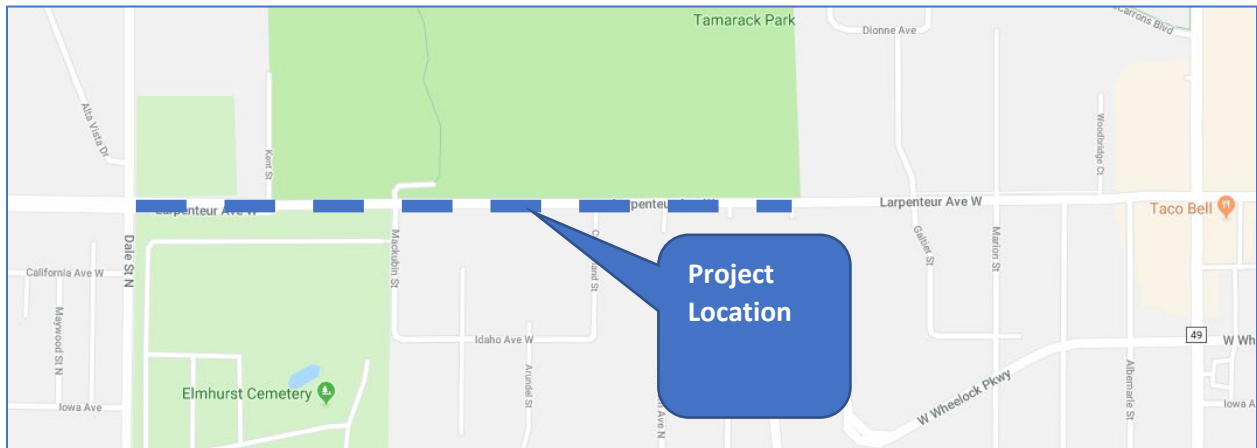


Figure 1: Project Location Map