



COMO AVENUE TRAIL

Raymond Avenue to Hamline Avenue



Project Update

April 19, 2021

Como Avenue Work Has Resumed

Work to complete boulevard restoration and final cleanup has begun. Crews are anticipating completing all remaining restoration work, pavement markings, and wayfinding sign installation by the end of May 2021.



Como Avenue project area

The following work items are occurring in April and May, as weather permits:

Final Restoration

Once the ground has defrosted and boulevard areas have dried out, crews will return to complete boulevard grading and sod installation between Snelling Avenue and Hamline Avenue. Sod harvesting usually begins in late-April once fields have dried and grass comes out of winter dormancy. Crews aim to complete sod installation along Como Avenue as soon as possible to reduce the potential of boulevard erosion, and to clean the streets before final pavement marking installation.

Once sod is placed, the contractor will water and maintain the sod for 30 days. At the conclusion of the 30-day maintenance period, property owners will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the boulevards.

NOTE: Residents between Arona Street and Hamline Avenue who contacted project staff last year about planting perennials or non-grass items in the boulevard have been contacted by a field staff member and the areas have been identified to not install sod. These residents are encouraged to begin installation of any garden edging or plantings as soon as possible this spring, prior to sod placement, so crews can install sod up to the edges or marked areas.



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Temporary No Parking

Temporary “No Parking” signs may be placed in certain areas on Como Avenue between Arona Street and Hamline Avenue ahead of boulevard grading work to ensure access for the landscaping crews. When marked, please do not park on Como Avenue between 7 AM and 5 PM.

Bus Service

Metro Transit bus service has returned to Como Avenue and will remain on Como Avenue for the remainder of the project. Check Metro Transit’s website for [Rider Alerts](#) regarding bus stop locations for Routes 3 and 84 and up-to-date information.




Wayfinding Signage and Kiosk Installation

Work on the kiosk and gateway plaza at Hamline Avenue and Como Avenue is mostly complete. Crews will be installing solar panels and some lighting elements on the Kiosk this spring, along with remaining plaza furnishings such as: trash receptacles, a bicycle repair station, and activation of the drinking water fountain. Additional wayfinding signage will be installed along the bike path and “Como Avenue” monument signs will be installed at Raymond Avenue, Snelling Avenue, and Hamline Avenue.

Permanent Pavement Markings

The project team has noted that some pavement markings, particularly crosswalk blocks, have started to peel off the pavement over the winter. We are working to repair/replace these crosswalk blocks this spring. Additionally, permanent pavement markings on Como Avenue will be installed between Snelling Avenue and Hamline Avenue, including parking lane lines and re-stripping the center lane stripe.

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