



June 23, 2021

Dear Downtown Property Owner or Occupant,

The Downtown Paving & Sidewalk Improvement Project will begin work in your area as early as June 28, 2021. This is the third year of a three-year paving program to improve the condition of our downtown streets and sidewalks. We will work with Saint Paul business leaders, property owners, and residents to:

- Perform a mill and overlay of downtown streets (remove the current pavement and installing new asphalt).
- Remove the brick pavers from parking lanes and sidewalks in designated areas (see map) and replace with concrete. We will not remove stamped or colored concrete that is in good condition.
- Replace concrete sidewalk panels and curbs that are broken or in disrepair.

Work will be completed in four stages that are approximately five weeks each, weather permitting. Please see the enclosed map for project stage areas. *No work will be done on the brick streets, ramps, or sidewalks adjacent to or across the street from Rice Park. ADA pedestrian ramps that are adjacent to brick streets are not a part of this project.*

We know that the COVID pandemic has impacted businesses and activity downtown. Many employers and businesses are excited to welcome back employees and visitors this summer. We are working with businesses and organizations to try to minimize disruptions from construction wherever possible.

Help us minimize construction impacts for you, your business, and/or your visitors:

- Saint Paul Public Works will work to maintain sidewalk access to building entrances, parking ramps and loading docks. There will be a period of limited access after concrete has been poured. ***Notice to property owners will be provided 72 hours in advance of temporary access closures.***
- Prior to the milling and paving road closures, there will be various road and lane closures in the active area to provide space for the contractors to remove brick and do needed sidewalk repair work. Please remind people to follow all posted sidewalk and road detours.
- There will be times during the active stage that dock and ramp access will need to be temporarily closed to vehicles during the milling and paving of the street in front of the access area.
- To limit thru traffic in the project area, there will be posted signs that state, "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" but access to driveways, ramps, and loading docks will be maintained.



- There will be no on-street parking in the active stage area.
- If you have not already done so, please notify Public Works right away if there are areaways or vaults underneath your sidewalk.
- Please share the construction/access information with building tenants or visitors.
- Get project updates, maps, and information at www.stpaul.gov/downtownsidewalks.
- Sign up online at www.stpaul.gov/downtownsidewalks for project emails sent at the beginning of each new construction stage.

If you have any construction-related questions, scheduling concerns, or need to coordinate access to your building or business, please contact:

- City's Construction Supervisor, Mike VanBeusekom at Michael.vanbeusekom@ci.stpaul.mn.us.
- City's Project Inspector, Brad Mikiska at 651-448-0115 or Brad.Mikiska@ci.stpaul.mn.us.
- Contractor Thomas & Sons Construction, Superintendent Sheila Claesen at 651-895-6956 or Sheila.Thomasandsons@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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