



**May 21, 2021**

Dear Saint Paul Neighbor:

In Fall 2021, as part of a resurfacing project, Saint Paul Public Works is installing bike lanes and making pedestrian safety improvements on St. Paul Avenue between W 7th Street and Edgumbe Road. **Saint Paul City Council will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., with an opportunity for public comment.** The City Council will vote on a resolution authorizing Public Works to install the proposed changes described in this letter.

### Public Hearing

Public attendance at the City Council's regular meeting location is not feasible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the public may view City Council meetings online at [stpaul.legistar.com](http://stpaul.legistar.com) or on local cable Channel 18.

The public may comment on public hearing items in writing by email at [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or via voicemail at 651-266-6805. All comments submitted by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, June 15 will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council.

### Project Details

The recommended street changes will accomplish three objectives:

- Improve safety and comfort for people using bicycles. On-street bike lanes will be installed in both directions. The addition of bike lanes will make the street a safer and more comfortable place for people who ride a bike as well as for people who drive. The installation of bike lanes in this location is identified in the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan.
- Improve pavement quality. The street resurfacing (mill and overlay) extends the life of the road and provides a more comfortable roadway surface.
- Improve safety and comfort for people walking. Sidewalks will be repaired, and bumpouts will be installed at Davern Street, W. 7th Street, and midblock between Davern Street and W 7th Street. Bumpouts are locations where the roadway is narrowed to improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks. Bumpouts help to slow motor vehicle traffic and help make pedestrians more visible to people driving.



## Changes to the street (see graphic below)

To create space for bike lanes, a travel lane must be removed from each side of St. Paul Avenue. Pedestrian improvements involve limited parking removal. The impacts are as follows:

### On-street parking:

- Current on-street parking will be impacted minimally and only at the planned mid-block pedestrian crossing at the bus stop located between Davern Street and W 7th Street. Approximately eight parking spaces will be lost to provide bumpouts at the bus stops – four on each side of the street.

### Travel lanes:

- One travel lane in each direction will be removed to allow installation of bike lanes. No parking removal is required to implement bike lanes.

## Additional Information

To view additional information about the project, please visit the project website at:

[www.stpaul.gov/stpaulave](http://www.stpaul.gov/stpaulave)

## Contact Project Staff

In addition to providing comments for the public hearing, questions or concerns about the project may be directed to Public Works staff.

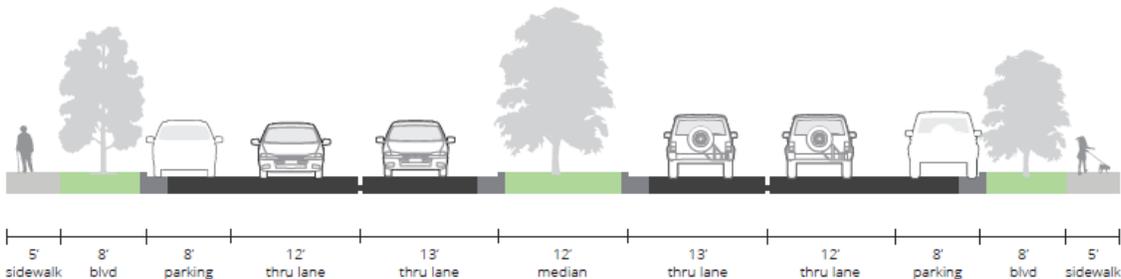
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**Cross section of proposed street design – W 7th St to Edgcumbe Rd.** NOTE: The bike lane buffer space is conceptual only. The allocation of buffer space may differ from what is shown below.

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