



# **Project Update**

JUNE 10, 2021

## **Como Avenue Work Nears Completion**

Work on Como Avenue is nearly complete. Crews continue to address minor repairs including cracked sidewalk panels and trail drainage concerns. Crews will continue addressing final cleanup items associated with pavement marking installations, completion of trail signage, and replacement of any damaged sod or landscaping items throughout the month of June.



#### Como Avenue project area

#### Sod and Seed/ Care and Maintenance

Sod along the project was installed in two phases. The first phase, between Cleveland Avenue and the University of Minnesota Transit-way, was installed in 2020. The second phase, between Snelling Avenue and Hamline Avenue, was completed on May 6, 2021. The project contractor's 30 day sod maintenance period for all areas has expired, and sod care is now the responsibility of adjacent property owners.

There are a few areas where project staff noticed sod has been stressed, went dormant, and/or died due to lack of water, especially along the sidewalk on the north side of Como Avenue between Arona Avenue and Hamline Avenue. Sod will be replaced as needed by the project contractor;



New Como Avenue Trail



**COMO AVENUE TRAIL** Raymond Avenue to Hamline Avenue



this work is weather dependent. Project staff will work with the contractor to schedule a time which gives the new sod the best opportunity to root and grow. Newly replaced sod will be maintained for up to 20 days and then becomes the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

To maintain the sod in good condition, as well as to give some of the dormant sod an opportunity to re-establish, the contractor has been performing courtesy watering throughout the project corridor following the final maintenance date of June 6. This watering will continue, but will be intermittent, and not necessarily performed in well-established sod areas. **Property owners are encouraged to continue to water new sod and/or seeded areas at least once per week through early fall.** The best time to water is during the early morning or late evening/overnight to help ensure the water does not evaporate during the heat of day.

#### Temporary No Parking

Temporary "No Parking" signs may continue be placed intermittently in certain areas on Como Avenue between Arona Street and Hamline Avenue to allow remaining repairs and clean-up work to occur. Signs will be posted in advance of work and will only restrict parking between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

#### **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 <u>Rider Alerts</u> regarding up-to-date information on bus stop locations for Routes 3 and 84.

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