



Street Reconstruction is Happening in Your Neighborhood in 2022

Wabasha Street Reconstruction

November 15, 2021

What is Happening?

Public Works will be reconstructing Wabasha Street between Kellogg Boulevard and Seventh Street. Additional funding may be needed to reconstruct up to Seventh Street.

Reconstruction will include repair or replacement of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer drains, sewer and water main pipelines, concrete pavement, street lighting, new sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, concrete outwalks, and implementation of the Capital City Bikeway.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Project Manager	651-266-6112
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Assessment	651-266-8858
Street Construction	651-266-6080

Virtual Presentation

Check the project webpage the week of November 22

Virtual Office Hours

Project staff will be available to answer questions on Thursday, December 14 between 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Drop-in with your questions!

Project Updates

Additional project information, including construction updates, can be found at stpaul.gov/wabashastreet

Online

1. Visit: stpaul.gov/wabashastreet
2. Click: Meeting Link

- Or -

Call in (Audio)

1. Call: 612-315-7905
2. Enter: Conference ID 149 248 907#

What is the Timeline?

Wabasha Street Reconstruction is currently in the design phase. Reconstruction work is anticipated to begin June 2022 and continue through November 2022.

What is the Cost?

The total estimated cost of the project is \$6 million. The project is funded by the City with Street Reconstruction Bonds, Municipal State Aid, and assessments to the abutting property owners.

2022 assessment rates have not yet been set by City Council. Property owners will receive a bill in fall 2022.



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PROJECT DETAILS

Street Widths

The project proposes to narrow Wabasha Street from 44 feet to 29 feet. This new street width will accommodate two northbound travel lanes and one parking/loading lane. The narrowing of the street will move the west curb line and remove on-street parking on that side. The additional space from the west side will be used for sidewalks and a two-way off-street bikeway, which is part of the Capital City Bikeway.

Capital City Bikeway

In May 2021, City Council approved the placement of the west corridor of the Capital City Bikeway along Wabasha Street. As part of Wabasha Street Reconstruction, a portion of the bikeway will be installed along the west side of the roadway. For more information about the Capital City Bikeway, please visit www.stpaul.gov/ccbinterimstudy.

Brick Pavers

Existing brick pavers in the boulevards, parking lanes, sidewalks, and intersections will be removed and replaced with concrete.

Although brick pavers add some aesthetic value to the area, they are often challenging for individuals with mobility issues, including but not limited to persons using wheelchairs, walkers, scooters, and canes.

Brick pavers are also problematic for maintenance, especially with Minnesota winter conditions. Salt, shoveling, and plowing easily damage individual pavers which are costly to repair or replace.

Tree Removals and Replacements

Existing trees on the west side of the street will need to be removed. Efforts will be made to save existing trees on the east side of the street. Trees will be replaced on both sides where possible.

Existing Areaways and Vaults

Public Works has identified where the known areaways and vaults are located on Wabasha Street (those that have been documented in some way). Public Works would like to meet with individual property owners prior to construction to better understand the location, use, and condition of existing areaways or vaults. The City's preference is to fill-in those that are no longer in use. The cost for addressing areaways or vaults is the responsibility of the property owner.

Road Closures, Parking, and Access

During construction, Wabasha Street from Kellogg Boulevard to Sixth Street will be closed. The project will work with property owners and businesses to maintain access, including to parking ramps. There may be times when that access will be temporarily restricted. On-street parking restrictions may also apply. Please be mindful of posted signs and hooded parking meters.

Who do I Contact with Questions?

If you have additional project questions or specific concerns, please contact Project Engineer Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.