



**October 7, 2022**

TO: Property owner

FROM: Don Pflaum, Project Manager, Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: Reconstruction of Robert Street in downtown Saint Paul

The City of Saint Paul Public Works is reaching out to inform you about a 2025-2026 reconstruction project in downtown Saint Paul: Robert Street from Kellogg Boulevard to I-94. Reconstruction is needed to repair and replace sidewalks, pavement, and utilities and includes all new:

- Sidewalks, boulevards, and trees
- Curb, gutters, and storm water systems
- Pavement and lane markings
- Traffic signals and signage
- Underground utilities

The reconstruction of Robert Street presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to achieve the City's vision of what a modern downtown corridor can be: safe, livable, inviting, active, a center of regional economic activity – and equitable for all. The following project goals will guide this reconstruction project.

1. Create a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone
2. Improve mobility for all modes of travel
3. Enhance street-level access to businesses
4. Create an accessible and safe environment for people who walk and roll
5. Support efficient and reliable transit service through downtown
6. Improve and replace aging roads, sidewalks, and utilities in 2025 and 2026
7. Facilitate a community engagement process that addresses the needs of all stakeholders

Please note that the Robert Street project team is working with the Purple Line project office to ensure construction is done seamlessly for both projects.

**The project is currently in the concept development phase.** We are collecting data and community feedback that will shape preliminary designs. The first public open house will be in early November 2022. Construction will occur in two phases, starting in 2025 and ending in 2026. However, utility work may start as soon as 2024.



**We'd like your input** on how Robert Street can best meet your needs. We will be offering multiple ways to provide your feedback throughout the project's development. Please visit the project webpage for more information on the project, sign-up to receive email updates, and learn about ways you can participate: [stpaul.gov/RobertStreet](http://stpaul.gov/RobertStreet)

Please note if you are a **property owner**, Public Works would like to meet with you to discuss your specific needs and to better understand the location, use, and condition of existing areaways or vaults.

**If you have any questions or comments**, please email or call me at [Don.Pflaum@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Don.Pflaum@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 651-266-9147. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Pflaum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Don Pflaum  
Project Manager, Department of Public Works