



## 2023 Fairview Avenue Mill and Overlay & Pedestrian Improvements Project

*Join us to learn more at a meeting online May 9 or in-person May 17*

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Dear Saint Paul Neighbor,

The City of Saint Paul is working to improve the streets in your neighborhood. Fairview Avenue between Randolph Avenue and Edgcumbe Road will receive a mill and overlay (resurfacing) in the fall. Prior to this work, the city will be making pedestrian improvements and private utilities may also be doing work in the street this summer. The street changes will accomplish two objectives:

- Improve safety and comfort for people walking. Pedestrian crossing improvements are planned for the intersections of Bayard Avenue, Eleanor Avenue, Highland Parkway, Bohland Avenue, and Saunders Avenue. The city's 2040 Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan prioritizes the safety of people walking.
- Improve pavement surface for people driving and biking. The resurfacing (often called a "mill and overlay") extends the life of the road and creates a smooth surface.

### Location of project work:

- Mill and overlay (resurfacing) will be on Fairview Avenue from Randolph Avenue to Edgcumbe Road.
- Pedestrian crossing improvements on Fairview Avenue:
  - Bumpouts (curb extensions) are planned to be constructed at Bayard and Highland.
  - Median islands are planned to be constructed at Eleanor, Bohland, and Saunders.

### LEARN MORE AND SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK:

- Join us May 9 for an online meeting and presentation:
  - Tuesday, May 9, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
  - Join the meeting online at: [stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing](http://stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing)
  - Call in only (no view of presentation): 612-315-7905 Phone Conference ID: 609 295 763#
- Join us May 17 for an in-person meeting and presentation:
  - Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
  - Cafeteria, Highland Middle School, 975 Snelling Avenue South, Saint Paul
- Submit questions or comments through the feedback form on the project website at [stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing](http://stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing). The city will post a response to a summary of these questions and comments on the project website.
- Contact project staff Jimmy Shoemaker at 651-266-6204 or [jimmy.shoemaker@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jimmy.shoemaker@ci.stpaul.mn.us).



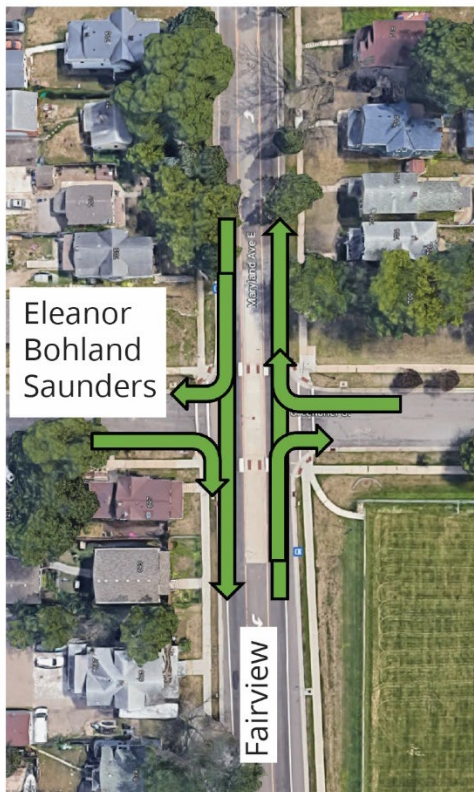
## **ABOUT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS:**

- Median islands are planned to be constructed in Fairview Avenue at the intersections of Eleanor Avenue, Bohland Avenue, and Saunders Avenue.
- These locations were selected because of their proximity to neighborhood schools.
- Median islands make it easier and more comfortable for pedestrians to cross the street and encourage slower driving speeds.
- **Median Island Example on Fairview Avenue at Eleanor, Bohland, and Saunders**

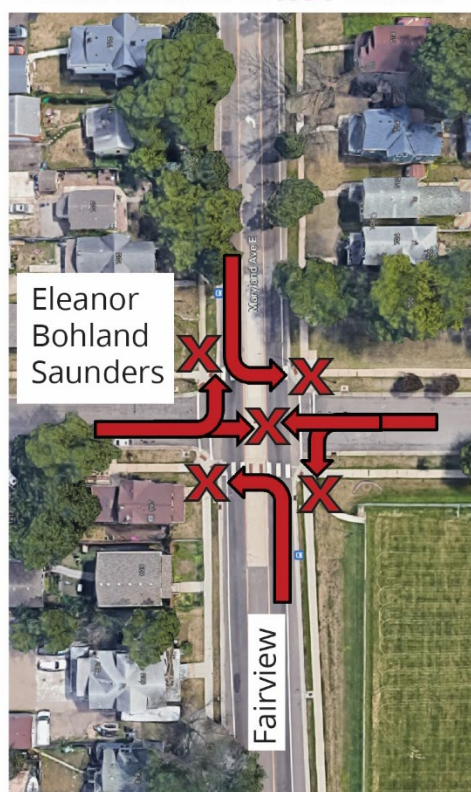


- The medians will restrict certain vehicle movements at these three intersections, including left turns from and to Fairview Avenue from these three streets and the ability to drive across Fairview Avenue on Eleanor Avenue, Bohland Avenue, and Saunders Avenue.
- **Visual of Planned Vehicle Access at Eleanor, Bohland, and Saunders**

Vehicle movements allowed



Vehicle movements **NOT** allowed



- The median islands planned for Fairview Avenue are at different cross streets than the medians planned for Snelling Avenue in 2024. The locations of the medians along Fairview Avenue and Snelling Avenue were coordinated between the two projects to provide equal benefit to all residents. (<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/snellingave-stpaul/index.html>)

**ABOUT MILL AND OVERLAY PROCESS:**

A mill and overlay is a maintenance treatment that extends the life of the roadway. Crews will “mill,” or remove approximately two inches of the roadway and then “overlay,” or repave the street with new asphalt. The repaving portion is weather dependent, but the entire process typically takes two to four days per street segment. Road striping will be completed following the repaving of the street.

**Additional pedestrian improvements:**

The mill and overlay process gives the city the opportunity to improve spaces for people walking. Prior to the mill and overlay work, utility work may be completed earlier in the summer, including repairing or replacing storm drains. The city’s sidewalk division will make pedestrian improvements in some areas, including installing ADA-compliant ramps to improve accessibility for people using strollers and mobility devices, and installing bumpouts (or curb extensions) and medians to narrow the road and provide a shorter crossing and better visibility for people. Narrowing the road also encourages slower driving speeds. See the previous page for details.

**What you need to do:**

- Remove any personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems in the boulevard near pedestrian improvements as they may be impacted by construction. These items will not be replaced by the city.
- Please follow all posted signs, especially “No Parking” signs.
- Cars that are not moved will be ticketed and towed.
- The street will have temporary closures or lane restrictions during milling and repaving operations. We will try to maintain access to driveways, but there may be temporary access restrictions.
- Please notify tenants/renters/visitors about the project and any parking restrictions.

**How the project is funded:**

The project is funded by bonds and assessments to the property owners abutting Fairview Avenue. The assessment rate has yet to be determined. A separate mailing will be sent to the properties to be assessed for this project later this summer.

**Project updates:**

To find project updates and additional information online, please visit the project website at [stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing](http://stpaul.gov/FairviewResurfacing).

For any questions, please contact the project staff Jimmy Shoemaker at 651-266-6204 or [jimmy.shoemaker@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jimmy.shoemaker@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Thank you,

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