



2023 Front Avenue Mill and Overlay & Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project

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Dear Saint Paul Property Owner,

The City of Saint Paul is working to improve the streets in your neighborhood. Front Avenue from Western Avenue to Rice Street will receive a mill and overlay (resurfacing) this 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.

Location of project work:

- Mill and overlay (resurfacing) will be on Front Avenue from Western Avenue to Rice Street
- Pedestrian crossing improvements on Front Avenue will include the construction of bumpouts (curb extensions) at Western Avenue, Farrington Street, Marion Street, and Albemarle Street
- Bike lanes will be added on the east and west sides of Front Avenue from Western Avenue to Rice Street

About the mill and overlay process:

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.

Pedestrian and bike improvements:

The mill and overlay process gives the city the opportunity to improve spaces for people walking and biking. 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:

- Install ADA-compliant ramps to improve accessibility for people using strollers and mobility devices.
- Install bumpouts (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.



After the mill and overlay, Front Avenue will be restriped with on-street bike lanes. To provide the needed space for safe bike lanes, on-street parking will be removed along the south side of Front Avenue. Parking will be maintained on the north side of Front Avenue.

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.
- A flyer will be placed on your door if sidewalk or other pedestrian improvement work is happening adjacent to or near your property.
- 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 abutting property owners. The assessment rate has yet to be determined. A separate mailing will be sent to property owners later this summer.

Project updates:

To find project updates and additional information online, please visit the project website at stpaul.gov/FrontResurfacing.

For any questions, please contact Public Works at 651-266-6100 or publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Thank you,
Saint Paul Public Works