



2023 Ruth Street/Algonquin Avenue Mill and Overlay & Pedestrian 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. Ruth Street between Burns Avenue and Nokomis Avenue and Algonquin Avenue between Nokomis Avenue and Stillwater Avenue 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 Ruth Street between Burns Avenue and Nokomis Avenue and Algonquin Avenue between Nokomis Avenue and Stillwater Avenue.
- Pedestrian crossing improvements on Ruth Street:
 - Bumpouts (curb extensions) will be constructed at Wilson Avenue, 3rd Street East, and Iroquois Avenue
 - Medians will be constructed at 5th Street East, Conway Avenue, Wilson Avenue
 - Changes to the road configuration (geometry) for safety at Nokomis Avenue

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 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:

- 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.
- Example of a median that improves pedestrian crossing and does not change vehicle access. This is similar to the medians that will be installed on Ruth Street.



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/RuthResurfacing.

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

Thank you,
Saint Paul Public Works