



June 27, 2023

## RE: 2023 NEW SIDEWALK ADDITION – LARPENTEUR AVENUE

Dear Property Owner,

Starting this summer, the City of Saint Paul will construct new sidewalks to improve public safety along the south side of Larpenteur Avenue between Dale Street and Marion Street. Filling in missing sidewalk “gaps” is part of Saint Paul’s Citywide policy and will also improve mobility and connectivity throughout the City.

The sidewalk will be located in the public right of way outside of private property. There are no costs to abutting property owners for this work which will include, if necessary, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and replacement work to driveways in the City’s right of way. The work will be completed by a licensed, bonded, and insured private contractor.

***You are receiving this notice because Saint Paul Public Works has identified areas in front of your property that will be affected as part of this project.***

### **When will the project begin and end?**

Sidewalk work is currently scheduled to begin in July and be completed by October 31, 2023, weather permitting. Prior to the beginning of the project, residents may see survey stakes or paint markings for locating public right of way and existing utilities.

### **What do you need to do and what to expect?**

- If you have personal property, fences, plantings, or sprinkler systems in the public right of way area, which may be up to 60’ from the street/curb, ***please remove them prior to construction***. You will receive a notice about the construction start at least 7 days in advance. The project will not replace or repair damages to property in the public right of way. If you are unsure of impacts to your personal property, you may reach out the project manager below.



- If a portion of your driveway-apron needs to be reconstructed for the sidewalk, **you will not have access to your driveway during the needed work and cure times.** The contractor will notify you prior to the work beginning so you can move vehicles. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of time you do not have access.
- Expect disruption to the boulevard, including removal of grass or materials in the area surrounding the new sidewalk.
- **Restoration of the areas around sidewalks will be topsoil and seed.** The City will not restore gardens, sprinklers, signs, surfacing, or landscaping located in the public right of way.
- The contractor may begin work as early as 7:00 a.m., weather permitting.
- Temporary “No Parking” signs may restrict area parking during daytime hours to allow the contractor to work safely.

### **How should you care for the new sidewalk?**

- Sidewalk panels need at least 24 hours and driveway crossings need 5 days to cure before they can be used.
- Do not write, walk, bike, or mark the concrete in any way.
- Please water grass seed as needed.
- During the winter months, abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and keeping them clear of snow and ice. Clear snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of a winter weather event as needed.

For project updates visit <https://www.stpaul.gov/projects/public-works/pw2023citywidesidewalk>.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact Project Manager Jary Lee at 651-266-1107 or [jary.lee@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jary.lee@ci.stpaul.mn.us).