



Minnesota Street Reconstruction Project Update

June 20, 2023

The City of Saint Paul's Minnesota Street Reconstruction Project from Kellogg Boulevard to 6th Street is slated to begin week of June 26 and continue through November. We anticipate this work to begin on the south end of the project at Kellogg Boulevard and proceed north to Sixth Street.

Xcel Energy, Comcast, and other utilities have already been working on Minnesota Street to update or relocate their facilities in preparation of this project.

In addition to the city's Minnesota Street reconstruction project, Met Council is also doing significant construction work this year on 5th and 6th streets between Robert Street and Cedar Street. There will be several road closures on nearby streets that could also impact commuter traffic and access. To stay up-to-date on this project, we highly recommend that you sign up for their project updates and visit their website at <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project>.

Saint Paul Public Works will work with property owners and businesses to maintain access during construction. We have met with many property owners, businesses, and tenants to discuss specific concerns and project timing. Please reach out to us directly with any issues and we will try to minimize disruptions to businesses and residents as much as possible.

How do I stay informed about this project?

To find project information, updates, and maps, and to sign up for periodic email updates, visit stpaul.gov/Minnesotastreet.

Who do I contact with questions?

The City has contracted with Veit & Company, Inc to perform the construction on the Minnesota Street project. The project foreman is Chris Rowell at 612-490-2013.

In addition, we are working with Stantec Engineering to provide on-site project support with regular inspections. They are designated as the primary contact to address any questions, concerns, or issues that you may have. The Stantec contacts are:

- Alan Offerman (Project Manager) – alan.offerman@stantec.com or 651-308-9560
- Mike Hirsch (Construction Manager) – michael.hirsch@stantec.com or 651-775-5150
- Tom Schuster (Construction Inspection) – tom.schuster@stantec.com or 612-247-5194



If you have general questions, please contact Saint Paul Public Works at 651-266-6100 or publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us. If you have specific concerns or technical/construction questions, contact City Project Engineer Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or Barbara.Mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Project Details

Street Widths

The project proposes to narrow Minnesota Street from 44 feet to 29 feet. This new street width will accommodate two northbound travel lanes and one parking/loading lane. The narrowing of the street will move the west curb line. The additional space from the west side will be used for sidewalks and a two-way off-street bikeway, which is part of the west corridor of the Capital City Bikeway. For more information about the Capital City Bikeway, please visit stpaul.gov/ccbinterimstudy.

Tree Removal and Replacement

Existing trees on the west side of the street have been removed. New trees will be planted on the west side where possible.

Existing Areaways and Vaults

Public Works has identified where the known areaways and vaults are located on Minnesota Street (at least those that have been documented in some way). Public Works wants has met with individual property owners prior to construction to better understand the location, use, and condition of any existing areaway or vault. The City's preference is to have areaways and vaults filled in that are no longer in use. The cost for addressing areaways or vaults will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Road Closures, Parking, and Access

During the construction, Minnesota Street from Kellogg Boulevard to Sixth Street will be closed to through traffic. One travel lane will remain open at all times for emergency vehicles and access for residents and local businesses. We will work with property owners and businesses to maintain access, including parking ramps. There may be times that access will be temporarily restricted. On-street parking restrictions may apply. Please follow any posted signs or hooded meters.

Metro Transit

Bus routes on Minnesota Street will move to Robert Street for the duration of the project. Light Rail Transit will continue to operate during construction.