



POSTPONED to 2024: **Front Avenue Mill and Overlay & Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project**

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Dear Saint Paul Property Owner,

The improvements on Front Avenue from Western Avenue to Rice Street scheduled for 2023 have been postponed to 2024.

Location of 2024 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 north and south sides of Front Avenue from Kent Street 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, 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.

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 mailing will be sent to property owners in 2024.

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