



September 21, 2023

**RE: BRUCE VENTO ELEMENTARY SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT**

Dear Property Owner,

For the next few weeks, the City of Saint Paul will construct new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps to improve public safety and connectivity from the surrounding neighborhood to Bruce Vento Elementary School. Please visit the project webpage on the next page to find specific details regarding the improvements.

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 late September and be completed by November 15, 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 inspector identified on the next page.



- 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/pw2023bruceventosrs>

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact Project Inspector Sabrina Doren at 651-302-3851.

