



CITY OF SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS
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Grand Avenue Reconstruction



Agenda

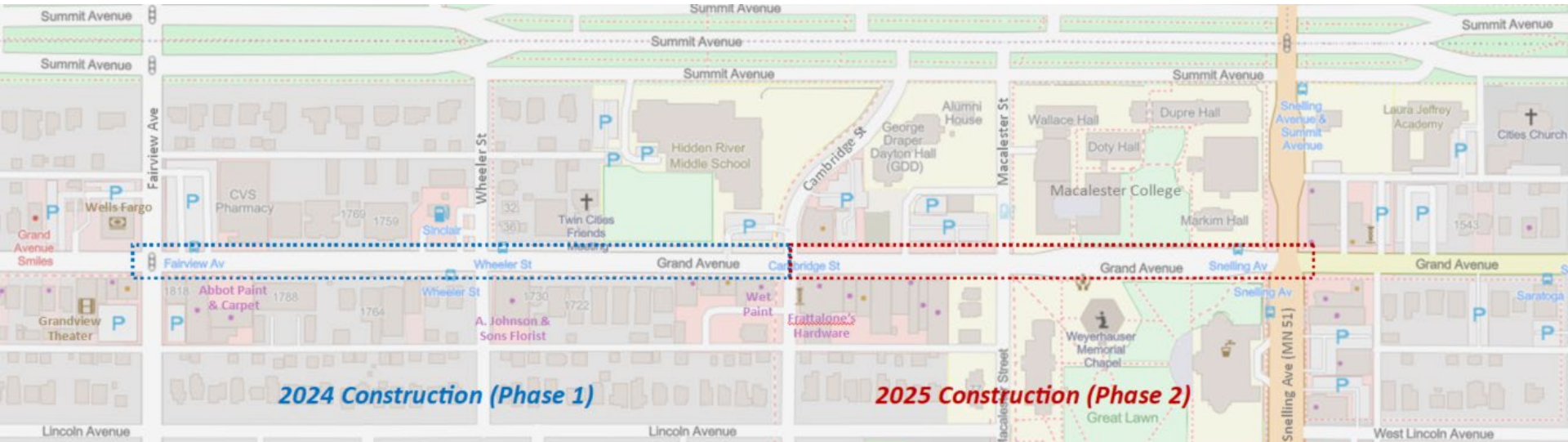
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Project Overview

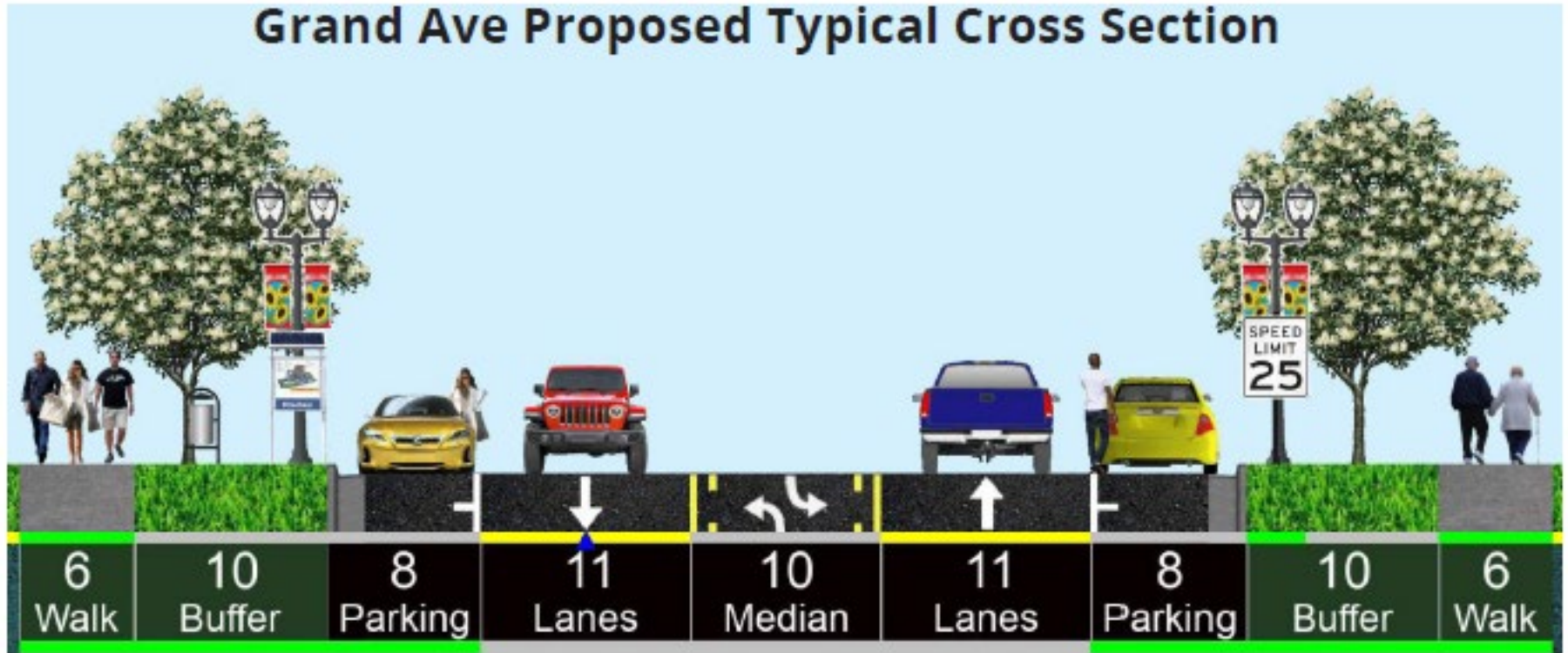
Full reconstruction of Grand Avenue in 2 phases:

- **Phase 1:** 2024 – Fairview Avenue to Cambridge Street, including the Fairview and Cambridge intersections
- **Phase 2:** 2025 – Cambridge Street to Snelling Avenue, including the Snelling intersection





Typical Design



[Recommended Layout of Grand Avenue](#) on project website.



Project Improvements

- New street pavement
- Replacement of concrete curb and gutter
- Pedestrian improvements
 - New sidewalk
 - ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings
 - Center pedestrian refuge at Cambridge Street
 - Upgraded pedestrian crossing through Macalester College
- Sewer and water main pipelines
- Storm sewer drains
- Street lighting
- Traffic signals
- Replant trees



Construction Timeline & Other Projects

- Spring or early Summer 2024
 - Tree removals – may be in both Phase 1 & 2 areas
 - Utility work (water, Xcel, Comcast) – may be in both Phase 1 & 2 areas
- Summer and Fall 2024
 - Full construction of Phase 1 from Fairview Avenue to Cambridge Street, including the intersections
 - Closure of Grand Avenue to vehicles
- Other constructions projects in area
 - [Hidden River Middle School](#) – summer 2024 to fall 2025
 - [Snelling Avenue](#) (MnDOT)
 - Grand Avenue to St Clair Avenue – mid-July through August 2024
 - Montreal Avenue to Ford Parkway – spring through summer 2024
 - Macalester College – 2026

**Construction timelines are tentative and subject to change.
More information will be shared as it is available.*



Detours & Access to Grand Avenue

- Grand Avenue will be closed to thru vehicle traffic between Fairview Avenue and Snelling Avenue
 - Local vehicle traffic between Cambridge Street and Snelling Avenue will be allowed in 2024
- Thru vehicle traffic will be officially signed and detoured to Summit Avenue
 - Metro Transit bus route 63 will be detoured; currently Summit Avenue
- Pedestrian access on Grand Avenue will be maintained, but limited at times
- Access to businesses and properties will be maintained
 - Coordinate deliveries and other access needs with project staff
- Parking on Grand Avenue will not be available during construction
- Anticipate parking and increased traffic on neighborhood streets
- Access routes will change during construction. Follow all signs
- Alleys in the area were pothole patched in March 2024 in anticipation of this project work



Road Closures



Road Closed to Thru Traffic

You can get to your business or home, but you cannot get all the way through. You will eventually come to a **Road Closed** sign.



Road Closed

Do Not Enter!



Construction Impacts

- Construction is dusty, noise, and inconvenient
- Your street will be dug up numerous times
- The work is done in layers and often by different crews doing different types of work
- Parking on Grand Avenue will be impacted during construction
- Project will coordinate with properties for access





Temporary Water Mains & Water Connection



- 2" PVC pipe laid on edge of sidewalk
- Water connected to properties through outside spigot
- Notification of temporary water will be posted on front door
- Staff will need to access the water meter inside the building twice, once during install and once to uninstall
- Temporary water may become warm during the summer
- No cost for temporary water

- Remove items in the boulevard space or along your building on the sidewalk, such as sprinklers, benches, signage, planters, plantings to keep, etc.
- Notify Public Works if you have areaways or vaults (areas that extend from the basement of your building under the sidewalk)
- Notify customers, clients, employees, visitors, and others about the upcoming construction
- Look for additional mailings about replacement of your private sewer and water service lines. Please inspect your utilities and coordinate any work with the project.



Staying Connected Before & During Construction

- Ongoing communications before and during construction
- Sign up for email updates, provide your full contact information – stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue
- Regular communications – emails, flyers, opportunities to connect with staff on site
- Reach out to staff with questions or concerns
- Updates will be posted at stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue



General Project Assessment Information

- Street reconstruction project funded by:
 - New 1% city sales tax
 - Municipal State Aid
 - Assessments to abutting property owners
- Estimated assessment project rate has not yet been determined and will be determined through a special benefit analysis before the project starts
- Property owners will receive a letter with the estimated assessment rate and notice of a public hearing before the project starts
- Property owners are assessed after the construction project is complete
- View information about and pay assessments at www.stpaul.gov/assessments



Questions

- Project website: www.stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue
 - Sign up for email updates
- Contact Project Manager Chris Engelmann
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Project webpage	Project updates	www.stpaul.gov/ GrandAvenue