



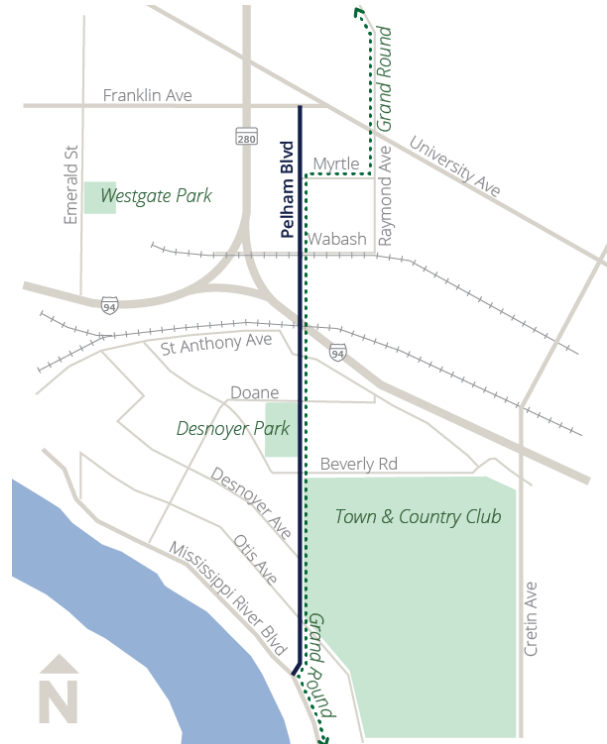
Street Reconstruction is Happening in your Neighborhood in 2026 Pelham Boulevard

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What is happening?

In 2026, the City of Saint Paul plans to reconstruct Pelham Boulevard from Mississippi River Boulevard to Franklin Avenue. The one-mile project serves multiple modes of transportation and is one of the main connections for the Desnoyer Park neighborhood. On the south end, Pelham Boulevard is primarily residential but transitions to more industrial land uses north of Interstate 94. Saint Paul Public Works is leading the community engagement and design, and will manage the construction contractor when roadwork begins in spring 2026.



What will the project change?

The project will include the following above ground improvements:

- Replacing the existing white flex-post bikeway with a bike path that runs alongside the street
- New boulevards, sidewalks, and curb ramps
- New street surface and street lighting

Below ground improvements include:

- Private and public utility replacement and upgrades
- Water and sewer replacements and repairs
- Implementation of stormwater management systems



What we've heard through community engagement

City staff have been talking with the community to understand how this 2026 project can best serve the neighborhood. Past engagement activities:

- July 16: staff attended the annual Desnoyer Park Picnic
- July 30: staff and community members walked the length of Pelham and discussed the opportunities for improvement
- August 12: staff met with Union Park District Council Transportation Committee
- September 5: staff presented to the Desnoyer Park Improvement Association
- September 14: staff attended the Saint Anthony Park Community Council Ice Cream Social at Hampden Park
- Online survey (open through October 2024) currently has more than 160 responses
- Laminated project information signs posted along Pelham Blvd

Early feedback from the community indicates a desire to calm traffic along Pelham and promote safe and comfortable biking and walking. The mature tree canopy is something that is valued by neighbors, and people have said the street surface is in poor condition and needs improvement. Some have asked for more on-street parking. There is both support and opposition to the current space for biking, and many have asked for a new space to run alongside the street (and the white flexible posts to go away).

There are many needs along Pelham Boulevard, and each requires space in the street. Staff regularly make recommendations and decisions about this limited space based on guidance from city plans and policies that have been adopted by City Council.

How can you share your feedback?

Share your thoughts about the project using the online survey (open through October 2024) and sign up for project emails at stpaul.gov/pelham.

How is the project paid for?

A portion of this street reconstruction project will be paid for by a 1% local sales tax, called Common Cent. This sales tax was approved by Saint Paul voters in November 2023. A portion of the project will also be funded through assessments to property owners abutting the project area. The estimated assessment rate is based on a third-party special benefit analysis of the property values in the project area. Property owners will receive a notice of the estimated rate and date for a public hearing when estimated rates are available. More information on assessments can be found at stpaul.gov/specialassessments.



Questions?

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