

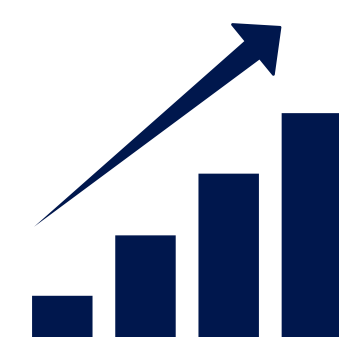
Project overview

Project goals

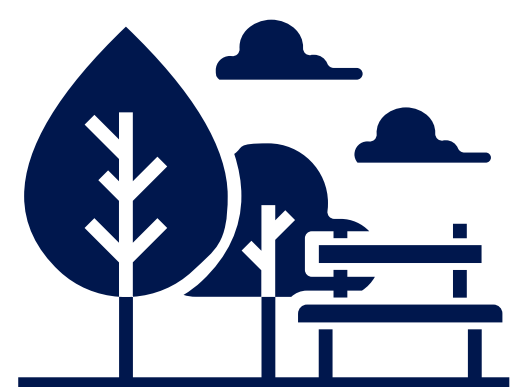
Pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements



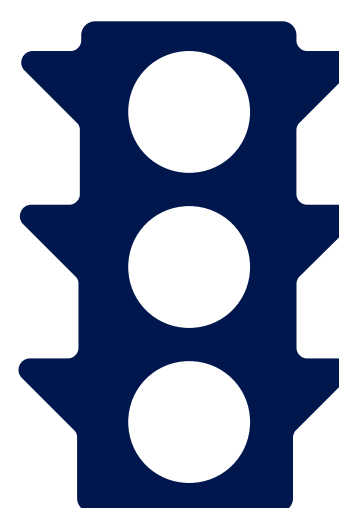
Upgrade and modernize underground utilities



Sidewalk and landscape improvements



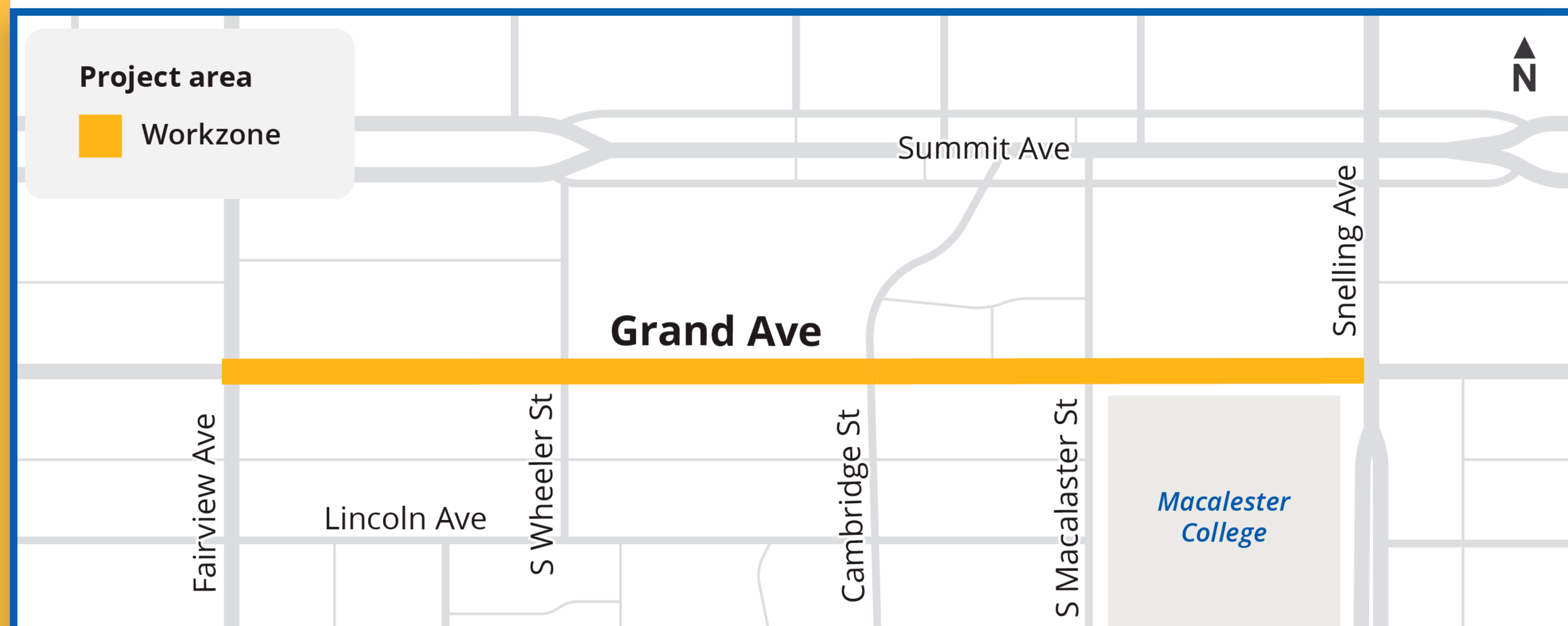
Signal improvements



Balance corridor for all users



Infrastructure and safety improvements for everyone are being made to Grand Avenue between Fairview and Snelling avenues. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2025 and continue through November 2025.



Construction timeline

Construction begins April 2025

The City of Saint Paul will reconstruct Grand Avenue between Fairview Avenue and Snelling Avenue in 2025. Utility work will be done in coordination with the construction activities.

Construction will be completed in two sections to stay on schedule while maintaining access to businesses, properties, and Macalester College.

Section 1 construction

- **April - November 2025:** Fairview Avenue to Cambridge Street, including the Fairview Avenue intersection
 - 】 Cambridge Street intersection work will occur October-November

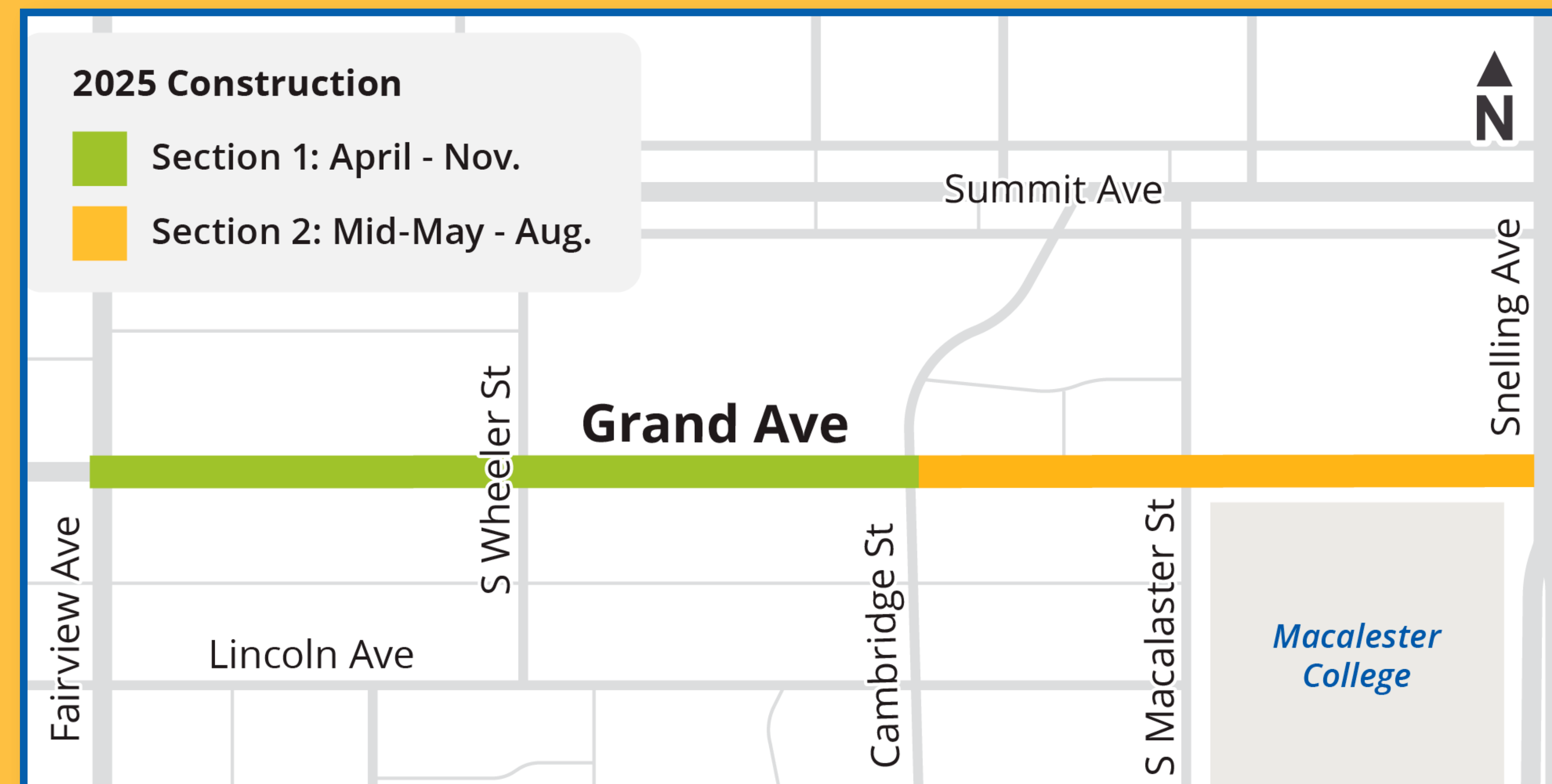
Section 2 construction

- **Mid-May - August 2025:** Cambridge Street to Snelling Avenue, may include the Snelling Avenue intersection in coordination with MnDOT

Final restoration and landscaping

- **2026:** Final restoration and landscaping activities may occur in spring/summer 2026

*Schedule subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances



Property access changes and impacts

Access

- Access to businesses and properties will be maintained throughout construction; alternative access points and detours will be used
- Access to properties for deliveries will be maintained; alternative access points and detours will be used
- Pedestrian access will be maintained during construction; follow posted pedestrian routes around the work zone

Parking

- No parking on Grand Avenue
- Anticipate parking and increased traffic on neighborhood streets

Closures

- Advanced signage of road closures will be placed
- Detour routes will be identified and detour signs will be installed during any closures
- Road closed to Thru Traffic (**Image 1**): You can get to your business or home, but cannot travel all the way through the area and you will see a “Road Closed” sign
- Road Closed (**Image 2**): Do not enter; construction sites involve the movement of heavy equipment and activities



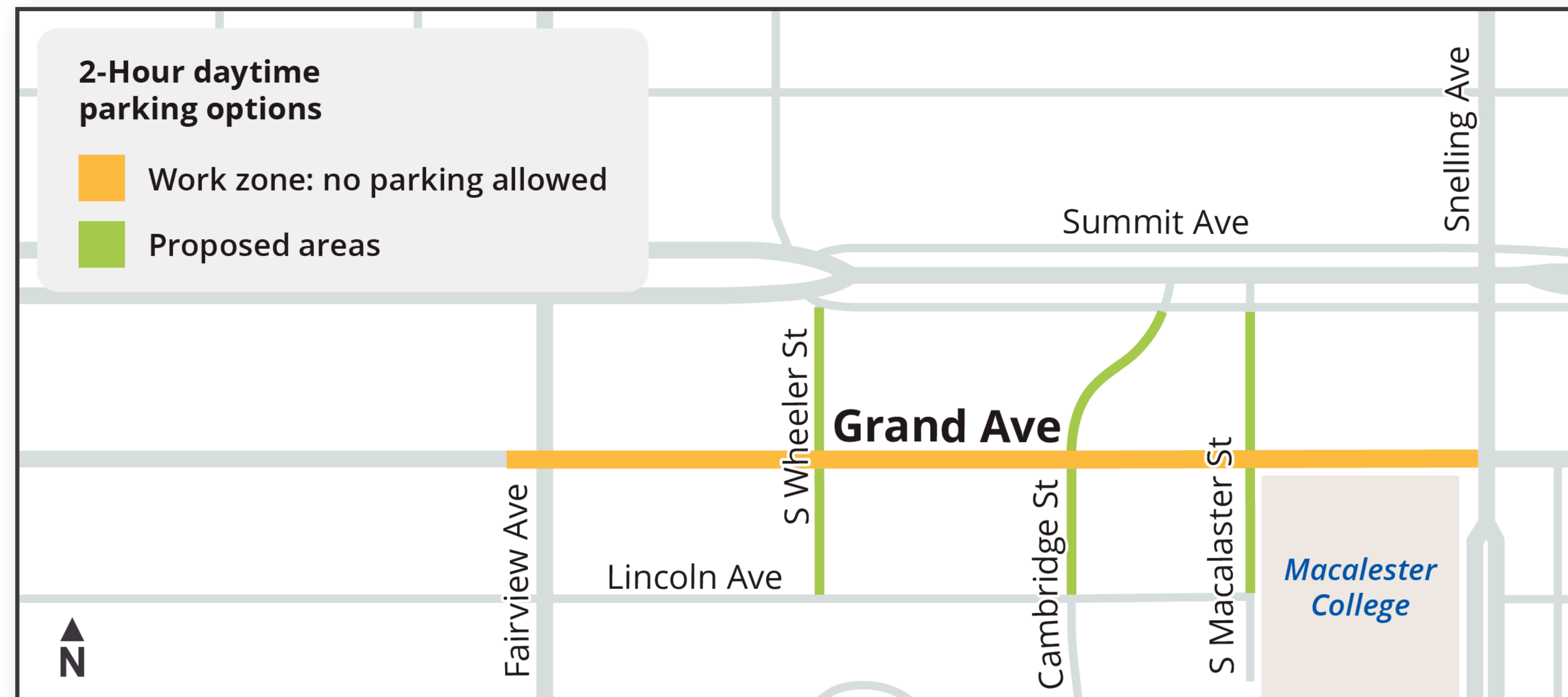
Anticipated thru-traffic detour



Grand Avenue is open for business

Access to businesses will be maintained throughout construction, but alternative access points and detours will be used.

- Deliveries will use the alley or side streets
- Businesses without dedicated parking spaces can direct customers to the nearest side street
- Sidewalk patios and items (planters, signs, etc.) on the boulevard/sidewalk will not be allowed during construction
- General business signage will be installed around the project area



Parking alternatives for businesses

Once construction begins, Grand Avenue will be closed to traffic and no parking will be allowed.

The City is proposing adding two-hour parking limits on side streets from 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to help accommodate customer parking for businesses during construction. The City is considering installing signs a block north and south of Grand Avenue along Wheeler, Cambridge, and Macalester streets. Any existing parking restrictions will remain in place.

The City will increase enforcement and may adjust temporary parking restrictions as needed around the Grand Avenue.

What to expect during construction

Dust

- Construction activities can create dust
- Sweeping and water trucks are used to minimize dust and dirt blowing from work areas

Noise

- Noise and vibration levels may be higher than typical non-construction times
- On-site monitoring of noise and vibration will occur

Work in layers

- Construction work is done in layers and often by different crews doing different types of work
- Different utility crews may dig up and cover the same spot many times to update the various underground utilities (water and sewer)

Construction hours

- Typically Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Potential Saturdays 7 a.m.-7 p.m.*
**Notice will be provided in advance of any weekend work*

Temporary surfaces

- Gravel road or sidewalks
- Pedestrian ramps



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