



2025 Wheelock-Grotto Phase 1 Residential Street Reconstruction July 14 Construction Scheduled to Start

July 3, 2025

What Is Happening?

Public Works will be reconstructing the residential streets in the neighborhood bounded by Como Boulevard, Grotto Street, Wheelock Parkway, and Arlington Avenue (*see included map*). The reconstruction project will include placement of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer drains, sewer and water main pipelines, bituminous pavement, grass boulevards, boulevard trees, street lighting, new sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, concrete outwalks, and concrete driveway aprons.

When Is It Happening?

Construction is anticipated to begin on July 14, 2025, and continue through November 2025. There are many street segments included in this project. Specific work locations and schedule are dependent on weather and contractor's capacity. Work may not always be happening on your block. The contractor intends to begin work on East Como Boulevard and Parkview Avenue on July 14, 2025, and then move southeastward.

General order of street construction (*each block or roadway section will likely be on a different schedule*):

- Removal of existing roadway
- Underground utility work
- Construction of concrete curb and gutter
- Construction of roadway
- Installation of new sidewalk and pedestrian ramps
- Final layer of roadway asphalt
- Boulevard restoration
- Tree plantings, often happen the following year

Lead water service replacement was completed in late June 2025. Other utility work may occur prior to the city's contractor starting the reconstruction project.

Residents are advised to sign up for project emails or visit the project webpage for regular updates at stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto.

How Is The Project Funded?

The project is funded with Street Reconstruction Bonds and assessments to the abutting property owners. A separate mailing with the estimated assessment was sent to property owners in May 2025.



Project Details

Construction Hours

Generally, construction activities are between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. There may be occasions when contractors will need to work after 7:00 p.m. or on weekends.

Parking Restrictions

Residents may park on the streets outside of the construction hours or if work is not happening on the block. In the event of an emergency, please leave your address or contact number on the dash so we can have you move your car if necessary.

Please follow all posted signs, especially “No Parking” signs. Streets will have temporary closures or lane restrictions during construction. Please notify tenants/renters/visitors about the project and any parking restrictions.

Driveway/Alley Access

There will be times when access to your driveway is not possible. Alley access may also be impacted at times; one entrance to the alley will always be accessible. You will receive details and information in advance of temporary driveway or alley access restrictions.

Recycling and Garbage Collection

Recycling and garbage will be collected throughout construction. Set your carts out at your normal location close to the alley or at the end of the driveway. You will be notified if cart locations needed to be adjusted due to construction activities. For questions about recycling or garbage collection, call 651-266-6101.

Existing Boulevard Gardens and Sprinklers

The project will impact the boulevard in the city's right of way, generally near pedestrian ramps and sidewalk infill and replacement areas. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove their personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems within the boulevard prior to construction. These will not be replaced by the city.

Concrete Work

Concrete usually takes 5-7 days to fully cure per installation. During these times, please do not walk or drive over the concrete until the area is reopened.

Questions?

For construction questions, contact Project Inspector Tom Rooney at 651-775-3040 or thomas.rooney@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

For general project questions, contact Project Manager Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or barbara.mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

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PROJECT MAP

