

Grand Avenue Reconstruction

August 19, 2025



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Project update

The Grand Avenue Street Reconstruction project encountered multiple unexpected delays. As a result, the anticipated project completion date has been adjusted to accommodate the remaining work.

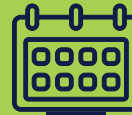
Reasons for project delays

- There were extensive additional repairs and modifications to aging infrastructure.
- Encountered more poor quality soils under the road and sidewalk which required additional work.
- Four other projects near Grand Avenue caused additional delays for the reconstruction project.
- Encountered contaminated materials requiring special excavation and disposal process.
- Some utility work was postponed last fall/winter due to early cold weather conditions.



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stpaul.gov/GrandAvenue



Adjusted schedule

2025



Mid-August

Grand Avenue between Macalester Street and Snelling Avenue will be mostly complete.



Late September

The intersection of Grand and Fairview avenues is scheduled to be open to traffic.

Crews will remove sidewalks on the south side of Grand Avenue. This work will be coordinated with businesses to maintain access.



Late November

The entire project area, Grand Avenue between Fairview and Snelling avenues, will be mostly complete.

The city and contractor will complete as much work as possible based on temperatures. Work is weather dependent. Work not completed in 2025 will be completed in spring/summer 2026.



2026

Trees, bike racks, public art, final clean up, and any remaining miscellaneous tasks from 2025 will be completed in 2026.

Traffic signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Grand and Snelling avenues will start and be completed in 2026.

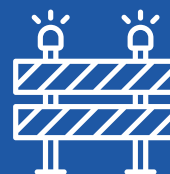
This schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.

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Sidewalk removal & replacement: a of Grand Avenue

What you need to do

- Remove all items on the sidewalk, including planters, by Friday, August 22.
- A-frame signs which can be moved quickly can remain as long as contractor allows.

Construction activities

- Contractor will work with businesses to schedule sidewalk removals and replacements to minimize impacts to business access.
- Sidewalk removals and replacements will occur after the initial layer of asphalt is on the roadway.
- Temporary pedestrian access will be set up in the roadway. Grand Avenue will continue to be closed to vehicle traffic.
- Temporary ramps will allow pedestrian access from the roadway to businesses.
- Sidewalk panels may be removed and replaced in small sections to maintain business access. For example, the sidewalk panels in front of the access door may remain and all other sidewalk in front of a business removed.



Contact us



**For business owners who have questions
about sidewalk removal, contact:**

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