



Street Reconstruction Update: Avon and Folsom Streets (Ivy Street to Wheelock Parkway) **Revised Schedule: Spring 2026**

Project Delay Update

Street reconstruction on Avon and Folsom Streets between Ivy Street and Wheelock Parkway has been **postponed until Spring 2026**.

Why the Delay?

Work on nearby streets within the project area took longer than anticipated due to:

- Additional bacterial testing required of newly installed watermain to ensure safe drinking water
- Delays in delivery of parts for sewer service replacements
- Private utility companies not responding promptly to utility location requests

To avoid extending construction impacts through the winter, Public Works will finish streets already under construction before starting work on Avon and Folsom Streets.

Project Overview

Public Works is reconstructing neighborhood streets bounded by Como Boulevard, Grotto Street, Wheelock Parkway, and Arlington Avenue (see included map). Improvements include:

- Concrete curb and gutter
- Storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and watermain pipelines
- Bituminous (asphalt) pavement
- Grass boulevards and boulevard trees
- Street lighting
- New sidewalks and ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps
- Concrete outwalks and driveway aprons

Project Timeline

- Construction period: July–November 2025
- Work hours: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Monday–Friday (occasional evening or weekend work possible)
- Next phase (Avon and Folsom Streets): Begins Spring 2026
- Stay updated: Sign up for project emails or visit: stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto



Construction Sequence (each block may differ):

1. Remove existing roadway
2. Complete underground utility work (*lead water service replacements were completed in June 2025*)
3. Construct new curb and gutter
4. Build roadway base
5. Install new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps
6. Pave final asphalt layer
7. Restore boulevards
8. Plant trees (typically the following year)

Project Funding

- The project is funded through Street Reconstruction Bonds and assessments to abutting property owners
- Assessment estimates were mailed in May 2025

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Parking

- Parking is allowed outside construction hours or when no work is occurring on your block
- Follow all posted “No Parking” signs
- Leave your address or phone number visible in case your vehicle needs to be moved in an emergency

Driveway & Alley Access

- Temporary access restrictions will occur
- At least one alley entrance will remain open
- Residents will receive notice before access limitations

Garbage & Recycling

- Collection will continue as usual
- Place carts at your typical location near the alley or end of driveway
- Call **651-266-6101** for questions or location adjustments

Concrete Work

- Allow **5-7 days** for new concrete to fully cure
- Please do not walk or drive on new concrete until reopened

Boulevard Gardens & Sprinklers — Helpful Steps Before Construction

- Remove any personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems from the boulevard before construction
- Private items in the boulevard will not be replaced by the city

Questions?

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