



City of Saint Paul Public Works Department



SIDEWALK WORK NOTICE

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This year, Saint Paul Public Works will repave Western Avenue between Summit and Selby Avenues and Fairview Avenue between University and Minnehaha Avenues as part of its 2020 Mill and Overlay project. Prior to the paving work, a city contractor will undertake sidewalk improvements which may require the sidewalk adjacent to your property to be repaired or replaced.

Sidewalk improvements allow people of all abilities to safely move within our Saint Paul neighborhoods. Most of the sidewalk work will upgrade pedestrian ramps at intersections to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Only the portions of sidewalk panels that have cracks, heaves, holes, or other damage will be replaced. The project may require a portion of your driveway or outwalk (short sidewalk to the street) in the public right-of-way to be replaced. Sidewalk work may impact existing grass, trees, landscaping, sprinkler systems, and retaining walls and fences located within the public right-of-way.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

When will sidewalk work happen?

Sidewalk work will happen between July 15 and October 31, 2020. Prior to work starting, residents may see survey stakes, flags, and/or paint markings in the street or grass to mark existing utilities. Property owners will receive a flyer on their door a few weeks prior to beginning sidewalk work. On Western Avenue, work should be completed before October 1, 2020, prior to the Twin Cities Marathon.

How will this sidewalk work affect you?

- Expect disruption to the boulevard including removal of grass, materials, and/or items in the public right-of-way around areas where sidewalk work will be done.
- Follow all temporary “No Parking” signs on the street to allow the city contractor to work safely.
- The city contractor may begin work as early as 7:00 a.m., weather permitting.

Will you be able to use your driveway during the sidewalk work?

- If a portion of your driveway needs to be reconstructed for the sidewalk work, **you will not have access to your driveway during the sidewalk work or cure time.** Larger, commercial driveways may be poured half-at-a-time in order to provide uninterrupted access to businesses.
- The contractor will notify you prior to the work beginning on your driveway so you can move vehicles and minimize additional impacts where possible.
- There are some brick driveways on Western Avenue which will be replaced with concrete. The bricks will be removed and disposed of by the contractor unless the property owner wishes to keep them.

What should you do if you have a sprinkler system or other items in the public right-of-way?

- Please let city Project Manager Barb Mundahl (contact information listed below) or Project Inspector Sabrina Doren (651-302-3851) know if you have a sprinkler system.
- Per the city’s permit, property owners are responsible to repair damage that occurs during the normal course of city maintenance or construction in the public right-of-way.
- The city will not replace ornamental pavers, stones, gardens or plantings in the public right-of-way. Please remove items from the public right-of-way before construction begins.

Is there a cost for the sidewalk work adjacent to your property?

- There is no assessment for the sidewalk work; however, property owners will receive a separate notice and an assessment for the mill and overlay work at the end of the year.

What should you do to take care of your sidewalk and the area around it?

- Allow the concrete to fully cure. Sidewalk panels need at least 24 hours and driveway areas need 5 days to cure before they can be used.
- Do not write, walk, bike, or mark the concrete in anyway.
- Please water new seed or sod in the boulevard or work area as needed.
- Please clear snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of every snowfall – it's the law. Corner properties are responsible for clearing pedestrian ramps adjacent to their property.
- Do not use excess salt or de-icers for the first winter as they can compromise newer concrete.

How is the city coordinating with other maintenance work in the area to minimize disruption?

- Damaged sewer structures will be replaced or repaired by a city contractor.
- Saint Paul Regional Water Services will be replacing lead water services prior to the paving project.
- Unused railroad tracks on Fairview Avenue will be removed and pedestrian crossings at the remaining tracks will be upgraded.

Who should you contact with questions about this project?

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