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**OTTO AVENUE: FROM WEST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO SHEPARD ROAD**  
**PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PATH**

THOMAS & SONS CONSTRUCTION, CONTRACTOR.....	763-428-2229
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION & STREET DESIGN.....	651-266-6080
PROJECT ENGINEER, DAN HAAK .....	651-266-6084
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS 24-HOUR EMERGENCY .....	651-266-9700
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS STREET LIGHTING .....	651-266-9777
SAINT PAUL PARKS & FORESTRY, ZACH JORGENSEN.....	651-632-2436
RECYCLING HOT LINE.....	651-222-7678

April 1, 2016

Dear Otto Avenue:

This is to notify you that reconstruction for the **Otto Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Project** is scheduled for your neighborhood this summer. We hope to keep you updated on the progress of construction in your area and answer any questions you may have while construction activity is going on. In some cases, it may be necessary to contact other sources since there will be other utility companies also working in your area. Overall, we are sure the long-term benefits will exceed the inconveniences you will be faced with during construction.

The general contractor for this project is **Thomas & Sons Construction** (Thomas & Sons), **13925 Northdale Boulevard, Rogers, MN 55374. Thomas & Son’s office number is 763-428-2229.** Thomas & Sons will also have several subcontractors working for them doing specialized work at various times during the project.

At this time, we anticipate Thomas & Sons starting roadway work on April 11<sup>th</sup>, **weather dependent.** The majority of work will take place on the north side of Otto Avenue. The roadway will be narrowed by 12’ to create room for a 12’ path. Parking will be banned on the north side of Otto Avenue when the project is completed.

We anticipate all work to be completed by the end of May, weather permitting.

**WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

**Children** are usually attracted by activity and heavy equipment. For safety reasons, we ask your help in keeping children away from the construction area since they cannot always be seen by workers intent on their jobs. There will be opportunities to watch from yards where it is safe.



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**The typical workday is 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.** During that time, **parking restrictions** may apply in some areas. Watch for signs to be posted if there are restrictions. During the evening hours from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and on weekends, parking will be allowed if job site conditions permit. Occasionally, the contractor may work past 6:00 p.m. or on a weekend. If it appears they are still working, we suggest parking at some other location until they cease operations for the day. In the event of an emergency so that you must park on the street during work hours, please leave your address on the dash so we can have you move your car if it is in the way.

Sod that is placed is guaranteed by our contractor for 30-days. Since **new sod requires frequent watering**, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in watering your new boulevard sod. After the **30-day-guarantee period** expires, the homeowner will be responsible for the maintenance of the sod in the boulevard. **We caution you not to do any fertilizing the first year.** However, after the first year it will be necessary to do additional fertilizing and frequent watering for three-to-four years until the sod is fully established.

If you wish to have concrete work performed on your property, the Public Works Sidewalk Division has a list of licensed and insured contractors. For a copy of that list, please call the **Public Works' Sidewalk Division at 651-266-6120.**

Sometimes during construction the circuits for lights may be disrupted. Please call the **Public Works' Street Lighting Maintenance Division at 651-266-9777** to report any outages you notice. A repair will be undertaken as soon as possible.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system in the boulevard or public Right-of-Way (R.O.W.),** it is your responsibility to remove the system before our contractor begins work, repair the system if the contractor damages it, and replace the system after the contractor has completed placing sod in the boulevard or R.O.W. Where there is no sidewalk, the sprinkler system should be removed two-to-three feet behind the R.O.W. or city property line.

During the course of the work, **there will be a period of time when access to your home by your driveway will be difficult and sometimes not possible.** Typically, this occurs with the beginning of the sub-grade correction work through the construction of your driveway apron, including adequate concrete curing time. You will receive further information on this as the work unfolds. Alley access will be maintained at all times.

**Concrete driveway aprons will be constructed where legal driveways currently exist.** The width will be ten (10) feet or will match the existing driveway width, whichever is greater. Existing walks from the residence to the public walk will be continued across the boulevard to the new curb. These outwalks will be three (3) feet wide, unless a wider poured concrete walk exists in the boulevard prior to construction work. Custom outwalks (colored, curved, flared, stamped, etc.) will be replaced with standard outwalks, placed perpendicular to the curb. No custom outwalks will be replaced in kind.

**New outwalks shall be placed five (5) feet from existing trees,** even if the existing outwalk is closer to the tree(s). This prevents damage to the tree(s) and helps to reduce tree-heaved sidewalk panels in the future. Any questions you have regarding this policy should be addressed to the Construction Division prior to work beginning on your block.

The Construction Division will make every effort to keep you informed of all aspects of work on this project and to keep you current with the progress of the work. There are many variables affecting a construction schedule (i.e., weather and utility conflicts and upgrades) making it a rather unpredictable affair. We will give you our best projection of work planned for the next week. **These updates will be made available to you on the Internet at:**

<http://www.stpaul.gov/construction>. You may also call any of the numbers listed on the first page if you have questions about the project.

**“DON’T STOP RECYCLING!”**

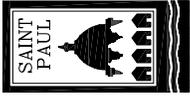
You can recycle all summer long even though your street is scheduled for construction. Set your materials close to the street in a visible place. If the regular recycling trucks cannot get through your street, they will use a smaller truck to collect your recycling. They may pick up recycling on your street earlier or later than other streets in your neighborhood, or they may need to return the following morning to access your street. **Please have your recycling out by 7:00 a.m. and leave it out until 12:00 p.m. the next day.** If they miss your recycling, or if you have questions, please call the **Recycling Hotline at 651-222-SORT (7678)**.

Thank you,

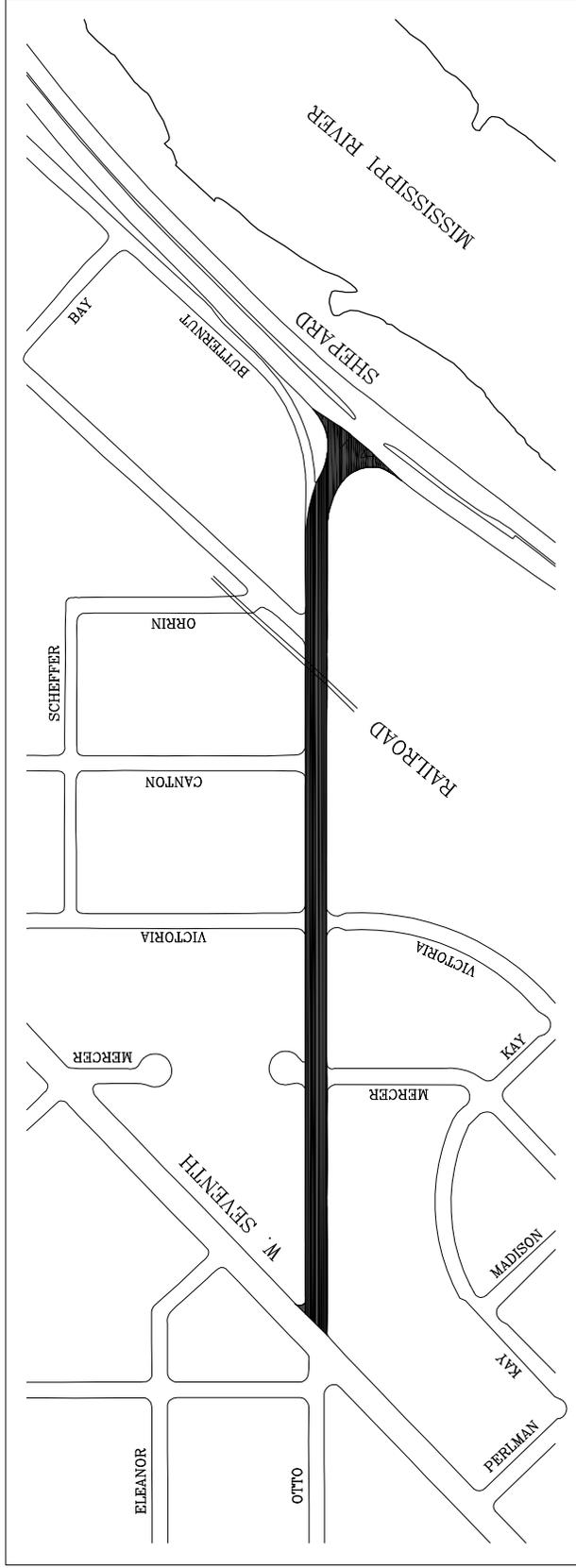


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— Project Map on Reverse Side —



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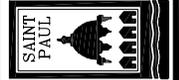
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OTTO AVENUE BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN



CONSTRUCTION IN 2016

PROJECT MAP



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