



September 10, 2021

RE: 2021 NEW SIDEWALK ADDITION - MCKNIGHT ROAD

Dear Property Owner,

Starting in mid-September, the City of Saint Paul will construct new sidewalk to improve public safety along the west side of McKnight Road between Londin Lane and Mailand Street. Filling in missing sidewalk “gaps” is part of Saint Paul’s Citywide policy and will also improve mobility and connectivity throughout the City.

The sidewalk will be located in the public right of way, not anyone’s private property. There are no costs to abutting property owners for this work which will include, if necessary, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and replacement work to driveways or outwalk sidewalk panels in the City’s right of way. The work will be completed by a licensed, bonded, and insured private contractor.

You are receiving this notice because Saint Paul Public Works has identified areas in front of your property that will be affected as part of this project.

When will the project begin and end?

Sidewalk work is currently scheduled to begin in early October and be completed by October 31, 2021, weather permitting. Beforehand, residents may see survey stakes or paint markings for locating public right of way and existing utilities.

What do you need to do and expect?

- If you have personal property, fences, plantings, or sprinkler systems in the public right of way area, which is approximately 15 feet in from the street/curb, ***please remove them by September 30, 2021.*** The project will not replace or repair damages to property in the public right of way.
- If a portion of your driveway needs to be reconstructed for the sidewalk, **you will not have access to your driveway during the needed work or cure time.** The contractor will notify you prior to the work beginning so you can move vehicles. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of time you do not have access.



- Expect disruption to the boulevard, including removal of grass or materials in the area surrounding the new sidewalk.
- **Restoration of the areas around sidewalks will be topsoil and seed.** The City will not restore gardens, sprinklers, or brick pavers located in the public right of way.
- The contractor may begin work as early as 7:00 a.m., weather permitting.
- Temporary “No Parking” signs may restrict area parking during daytime hours to allow the contractor to work safely.

How should you care for the new sidewalk?

- Sidewalk panels need at least 24 hours and driveway crossings need 5 days to cure before they can be used.
- Do not write, walk, bike, or mark the concrete in anyway.
- Please water grass seed as needed.
- During the winter months, abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and keeping them clear of snow and ice. Clear snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of a winter weather event as needed.

For project updates visit www.stpaul.gov/mcknightsidewalks. For any additional questions or concerns, please contact Project Manager Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or Barbara.mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us.