



Bancroft Stairway Replacement Project in 2027 Tree and Vegetation Removal in 2026

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Dear Saint Paul Resident, Property Owner, or Business Owner,

The City of Saint Paul will be replacing the Bancroft Stairway between Cesar Chavez Street and Prescott Street in 2027. In preparation for this work, there will be some tree and vegetation removal in fall 2026. The work in 2026 and 2027 will require closure of the stairway.

Construction Schedule and Stairway Closures

The project will take place in two phases, each requiring a separate stairway closure:

- **Phase 1** – Preparatory Work (November 2026–March 2027): The contractor will remove trees and vegetation that have grown under and alongside the Bancroft Stairway. This work is anticipated to take place between November 2026 and March 2027 and will require a temporary stairway closure of up to one week.
- **Phase 2** – Stairway Replacement (2027): The contractor will remove and replace the existing stairway sometime in 2027. This work will require a separate closure of up to four months.

Signs will be posted at the Bancroft Stairway in advance of each closure. During the closures, detour signs will be posted.

Share Your Feedback

Please take a short survey to share your feedback about the Bancroft Stairway and the opportunity for public art as part of the project. The survey is online at www.stpaul.gov/BancroftStairway.



Stairway Access and Detour

During construction, the Bancroft Stairway will be closed to pedestrians. A pedestrian detour route will be posted using Cesar Chavez Street, State Street, and Prescott Street. *See the pedestrian detour map on back.*

Traffic Impacts

For safety and contractor access during construction, traffic on Cesar Chavez Street may be shifted. *No Parking* signs may be posted on Cesar Chavez Street and on Prescott Street. Please follow all posted signage.

Access to private driveways and private property will be maintained during construction.

Project Funding

The project is funded by the city. **There are no assessments for property owners.**

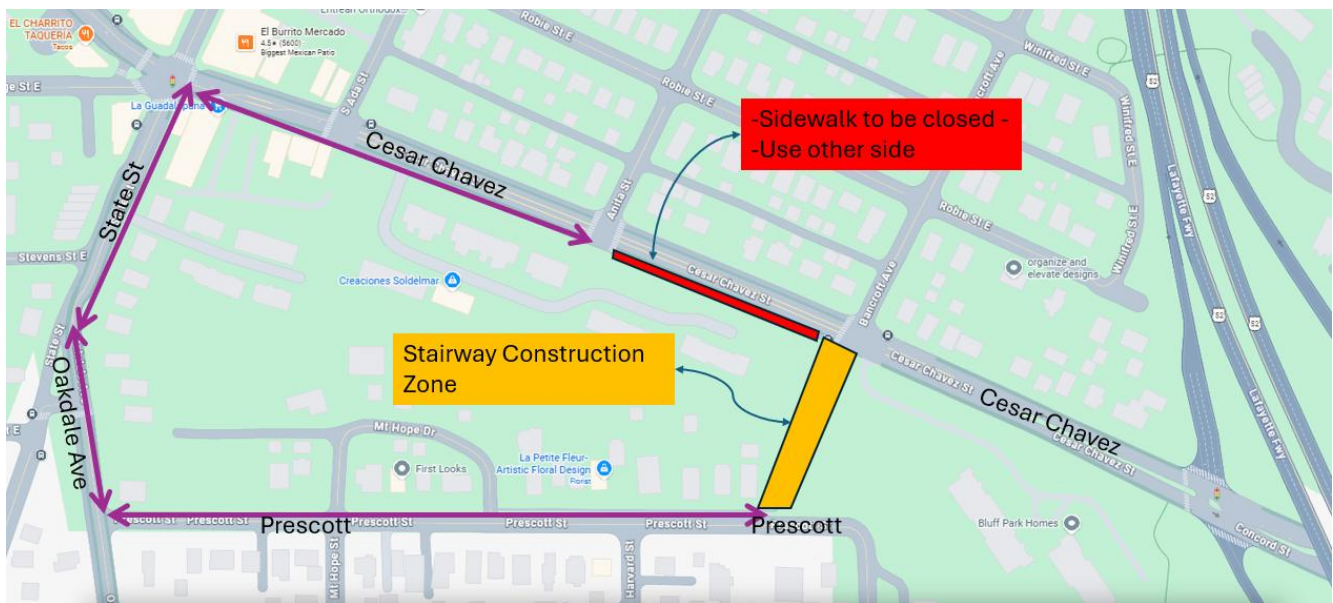
Project Updates and Questions

To sign up for emails and to find project updates and additional information online, please visit the project website at stpaul.gov/BancroftStairway.

For questions, please contact Dag Dejene at 651-266-5603 or dag.dajene@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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Temporary Pedestrian Detour Route

2027 Bancroft Stairway
Replacement