



Sanitary Sewer Tunnel Work on West 7th Street from Walnut Street to Kellogg Boulevard June-October 2026

March 2, 2026

Dear Saint Paul resident, business, and/or property owner,

Saint Paul Public Works Sewer Utility will be continuing work to repair West 7th Street sanitary tunnel infrastructure from Walnut Street to Kellogg Boulevard in 2026. The work will include constructing a new sanitary tunnel shaft, replacing an existing sanitary tunnel shaft, and completing tunnel repairs.

The sanitary tunnel shaft construction work is complex and requires specialized excavation and shoring to create safe work sites. The sanitary tunnel repair work will be performed underground. There should be no disruption to your sanitary sewer service.

In conjunction with this work, some private properties will have the opportunity to repair their private sanitary sewer line located within the public right of way at a reduced cost to the property owner.

Learn more: Open House on April 1

Join us to learn more about the project and ask staff questions about the opportunity to do private sanitary sewer work.

Open House about the West 7th Sewer Tunnel Work

Wednesday, April 1

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Patrick McGovern's Pub – 225 7th Street West, upstairs

What is happening?

Saint Paul Sewer Utility has hired Engineering Construction Innovations, Inc. (ECI) to complete the sanitary sewer tunnel work on West 7th Street.

Private properties in the construction area will have the opportunity to repair their private sanitary sewer line located within the public right of way. These properties will receive a letter with information about doing this work at a reduced cost as part of the city's tunnel work.



When is it happening?

Unrelated to the sewer tunnel work, Xcel Energy will be installing electric facilities within the West 7th Street and Chestnut Street intersection beginning early April.

The city's sewer tunnel work will follow Xcel Energy work and is expected to begin in early June and be completed by mid-October 2026. Xcel Energy will be working on West 7th Street and Chestnut Street in advance of the sewer work. Xcel's work is expected to begin in April 2026 and be completed before sewer work starts. *Construction schedules are tentative, weather dependent, and subject to change.*

Traffic impacts

West 7th Street will remain open with one lane in each direction during the city's sewer work. Parking and temporary traffic restrictions will be in place in the construction area. Sidewalks along West 7th Street will remain open. Walnut Street and Chestnut Street intersections at West 7th Street will be closed at times during the sewer tunnel work. *See included maps for Phase 1 and Phase 2 closures and lane restrictions.*

Access to businesses and parking lots will be maintained. *See included maps for access routes.*

Tunnel construction work schedule and locations

Phase 1 on West 7th Street from Chestnut Street to Kellogg Boulevard is scheduled to begin in early June. Phase 2 on West 7th Street at Walnut Street is scheduled to start after Phase 1 is completed.

Construction will occur Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekend work or evening hours may be approved if needed.

The contractor will restore all disturbed areas once the underground tunnel work is completed. This includes replacement of street pavement and striping.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to property owners for the sanitary tunnel infrastructure work. The project is funded by the Saint Paul Sewer Utility through sewer use fees.

Property owners that select to repair their private sanitary sewer line within the public right of way as part of this project will have a separate cost based on the repair work. The cost of this work will be included in the additional information sent to them.

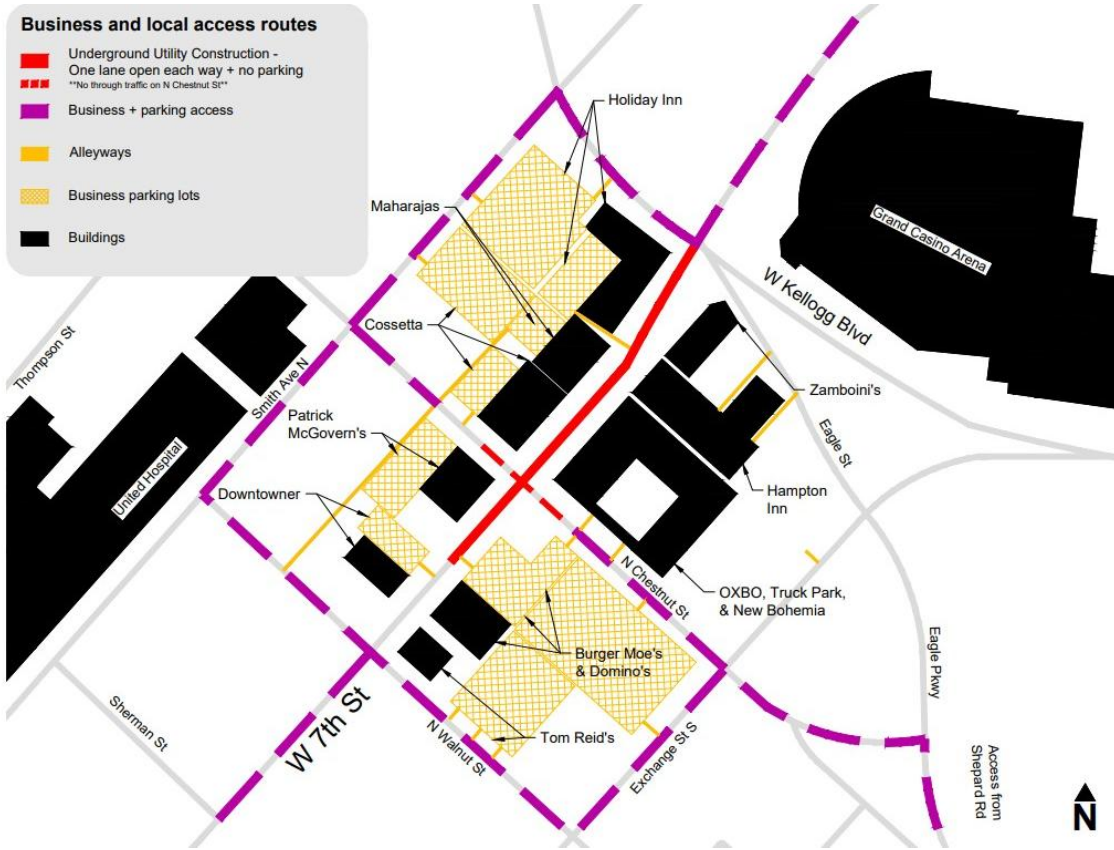
Questions and more information

To sign up for email updates and see more information about the West 7th Sewer Tunnel Work, visit the project webpage at www.stpaul.gov/West7thSewer.

For questions about the sanitary tunnel repair work or issues during construction, contact Sewer Utility Project Engineer Aaron Hass at 651-266-6171 or aaron.hass@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Sincerely,
Saint Paul Sewer Utility

Phase 1 - West 7th Street from Chestnut Street to Kellogg Boulevard



Phase 2 - West 7th Street at Walnut Street

