



**May 11, 2026**

**TO:** Neighbors of University Avenue Corridor, from just west of I-35E to Lafayette Road  
**FROM:** Jack Connelly, Public Works Street Design and Construction  
**SUBJECT:** **Inviting you to the University Avenue Reconstruction Project Community Meeting on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> online**

Greetings,

You are invited to the University Avenue Reconstruction Project Community meeting on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The City of Saint Paul Public Works Department is rebuilding the 1/4 -mile stretch of University Avenue from just west of I-35E to Lafayette Road.

This is a full reconstruction, meaning it will completely rebuild the road. It will include a separated bikeway along University Avenue, new boulevards, sidewalks, and curb ramps along University Avenue, a 4-lane to 3-lane conversion with left turn lanes at the interchange and intersections, roadway reconstruction work including new surfacing, signals and lighting and new trees and additional green space in boulevards and median. Below ground improvements will include private and public utility work, water and sewer replacements and repairs will be completed as necessary in coordination with the project and implementation of stormwater management.

### COMMUNITY MEETING DETAILS

What: A meeting to share information about the upcoming Construction Phase for the Reconstruction of University Avenue.

Where: Online via Teams

Link: [University Avenue Reconstruction Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: [210 398 401 055 303](#)

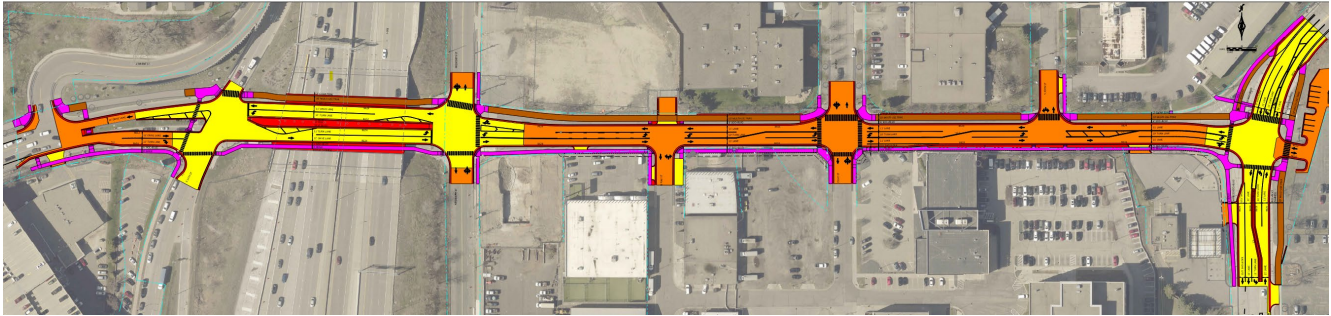
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When: **Tuesday, May 26, Noon – 1:00 PM**

### PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works has hired a contractor for the full reconstruction of University Avenue from just west of I-35E to Lafayette Road. Construction for this project is anticipated to start in June 2026. The roadway is approximately ¼ mile, serves multiple modes of transportation, and provides access to several properties through a primarily industrial area.





Project Extents

A project management team (PMT) of Saint Paul Public Works staff, the contractor and the consultant team will regularly meet during the construction phase. The team will connect with property owners and local stakeholders and provide updates during this construction period. There is an identified sensitivity to the existing Emergency Services Facilities that are located within the corridor, and special attention will be made to ensure their operations continue without interruption. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce this very important project to you. My intent is to keep you apprised of the activities during construction. Please contact myself at 651-266-5417 or my colleague, Don Pflaum, Project Manager, Department of Public Works at 651-266-9147 if you have any questions at or click this link, [stpaul.gov/UniversityAvenue](http://stpaul.gov/UniversityAvenue) for project updates or to sign-up for emails related to this project.

Sincerely,

Jack Connelly, Civil Engineer II, Public Works Street Design and Construction



A portion of this street reconstruction project will be paid for by a 1% local option sales tax, called Common Cent. This sales tax was approved by Saint Paul voters in November 2023. A portion of the project will also be funded through assessments to property owners abutting the extents of the project. The estimated assessment rate is based on a third-party special benefit analysis of the property values in the project area. Property owners will receive a notice of the estimated rate and date for a public hearing when estimated rates are available. More information on assessments can be found at [stpaul.gov/commoncent](http://stpaul.gov/commoncent) and [stpaul.gov/specialassessments](http://stpaul.gov/specialassessments).

