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**2026 Wheelock-Grotto Phase 2 Residential Street Reconstruction  
Construction Activities are Scheduled to Start the week of June 1  
Virtual Office Hours June 9**

May 21, 2026

### What Is Happening?

Public Works will be reconstructing the residential streets in the neighborhood bounded by Como Boulevard, Dale Street, Maryland Avenue, and Arlington Avenue (*see included map*). The reconstruction project will include placement of concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer drains, sewer and water main pipelines, bituminous pavement, grass boulevards, boulevard trees, street lighting, new sidewalks, ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, concrete outwalks, and concrete driveway aprons.

### When Is It Happening?

Construction activities are anticipated to begin the week of June 1, 2026, and continue through November 2026. The first week, residents can expect to see construction set up activities, including placement of construction signs and temporary water main. Starting June 15, residents can expect to see more active construction, including removals.

There are many street segments included in this project. Specific work locations and schedules are dependent on weather and the contractor's capacity. Work may not always be happening on your block. The contractor intends to begin work on East Como Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue early to mid-June, 2026 and then move southeastward.

General order of street construction (*each block or roadway section will likely be on a different schedule*):

- Construction set up, including signage and temporary water mains
- Removal of existing roadway
- Underground utility work
- Construction of concrete curb and gutter
- Construction of roadway
- Installation of new sidewalk and pedestrian ramps
- Final layer of roadway asphalt
- Boulevard restoration
- Tree plantings (often happen the following year)

Lead water service replacement is underway and is anticipated to be completed by the end of May 2026. Other utility work may occur prior to the city's contractor starting the reconstruction project.

Residents are advised to sign up for project emails or visit the project webpage for regular updates at [stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2](http://stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2).



### **Virtual Office Hours on June 9 at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a quick update on the project and to ask any construction-related questions.

Join online via Microsoft Teams: Click the link on [stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2](https://stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2)

Dial in (audio only): 612-315-7905, Conference ID: 498 494 166#

### **Opportunity to Apply for a Native Landscape Grant**

Residents in the Wheelock-Grotto Street Reconstruction Phase 2 area have the opportunity to apply for a native landscaping grant from Capitol Region Watershed District.

Native Landscape Grant is a one-time grant award up to \$1,000. The following activities and materials are eligible for the grant award:

- Purchase of native plants or native cultivars
- Purchase of soil, mulch, and edging
- Rental of equipment and tools
- Contracted construction

To learn more about and how to apply for a Native Landscape Grant, visit the project webpage at [stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2](https://stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2).

### **How Is The Project Funded?**

The project is funded with Street Reconstruction Bonds and assessments to the abutting property owners. A separate mailing with the estimated assessment was sent to property owners in January 2026.

### **Questions?**

To sign up for weekly construction emails and to see more information about the project, visit the project webpage at [stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2](https://stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2).

For construction questions, contact Project Inspector Tom Rooney at 651-775-3040 or [thomas.rooney@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:thomas.rooney@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

For general project questions, contact Project Manager Barb Mundahl at 651-266-6112 or [barbara.mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:barbara.mundahl@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## **Project Details**

### **Construction Hours**

Generally, construction activities are between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There may be occasions when contractors need to work after 7:00 p.m. or on weekends.

### **Parking Restrictions**

Residents may park on the streets outside of the construction hours or if work is not happening on the block. In the event of an emergency, please leave your address or contact number on the dash so we can have you move your car if necessary.

Please follow all posted signs, especially "No Parking" signs. Streets will have temporary closures or lane restrictions during construction. Please notify tenants/renters/visitors about the project and any parking restrictions.

### **Driveway/Alley Access**

There will be times when access to your driveway is not possible. Alley access may also be impacted at times; one entrance to the alley will always be accessible. You will receive details and information in advance of temporary driveway or alley access restrictions.

### **Recycling and Garbage Collection**

Recycling and garbage will be collected throughout construction. Set your carts out at your normal location close to the alley or at the end of the driveway. You will be notified if cart locations need to be adjusted due to construction activities. For questions about recycling or garbage collection, call 651-266-6101.

### **Existing Boulevard Gardens and Sprinklers**

The project will impact the boulevard in the city's right of way, generally near pedestrian ramps and sidewalk infill and replacement areas. It is the responsibility of the property owner to remove their personal property, plantings, or sprinkler systems within the boulevard prior to construction. These will not be replaced by the city.

### **Concrete Work**

Concrete usually takes 5-7 days to fully cure per installation. During these times, please do not walk or drive over the concrete until the area is reopened.

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Assistant Project Inspector Andres Sanchez	612-457-5908
Project Manager Barb Mundahl	651-266-6112
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#### Contractor: Veit & Company, Inc.

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### PROJECT MAP

