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Wheelock/Grotto Reconstruction Phase 2



WHEELOCK/GROTTO PHASE 2

Phase 2 has begun!
Scheduled to be completed by
November of 2026.

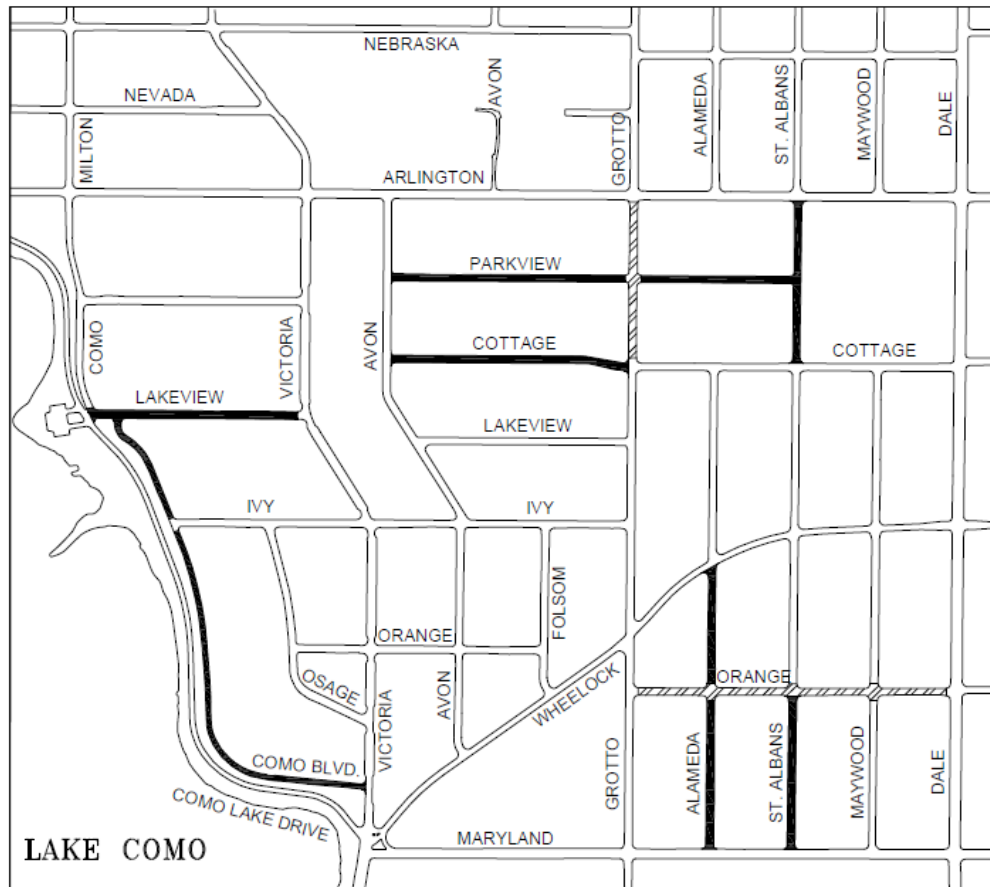


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WHEELOCK-GROTTO PHASE 2



STREETS TO BE RECONSTRUCTED
MILL AND OVERLAY





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Contractor schedule is broken
into three areas.
Contractor to start on E. Como
Blvd and Lakeview.
All areas will likely be under
construction by first week in July.

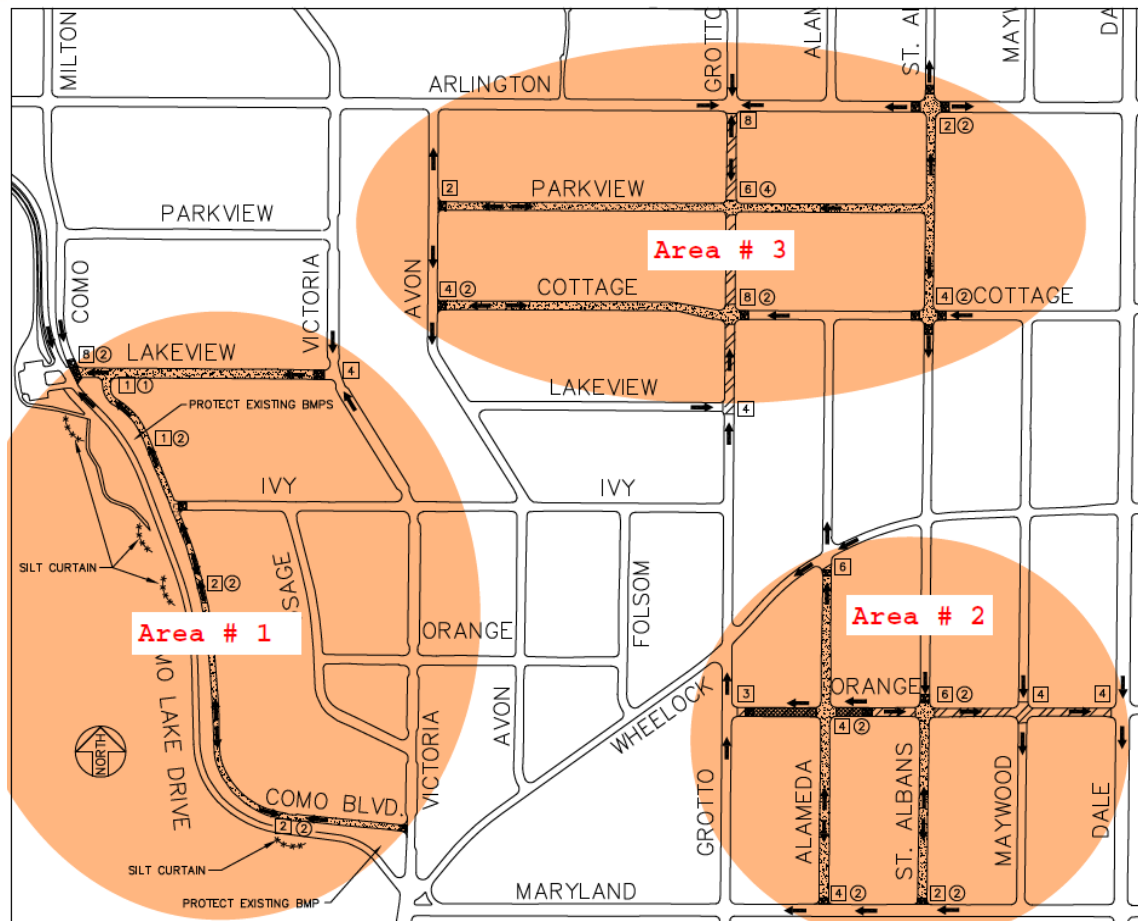


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Project Improvements

- New concrete curb and gutter
- New roadway pavement
- Utility upgrades including new watermain and storm sewers
- Sidewalk replacement and new sidewalks where none exist
- ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps
- Lantern style Street Lighting
- Tree Planting



WHEELLOCK/GROTTO TREES





WHEELOCK/GROTTO TREES



- Catalpa
- Crabapple
- Ginkgo (seedless)
- Hackberry
- Honeylocust
- Hybrid Elm
- Ironwood
- Linden
- Kentucky Coffeetree
(seedless)
- London Planetree
- Oak
- River Birch
- Serviceberry

Curb Cut Boulevard Rain Gardens



Street reconstruction is an excellent time to add rain gardens to treat street runoff.

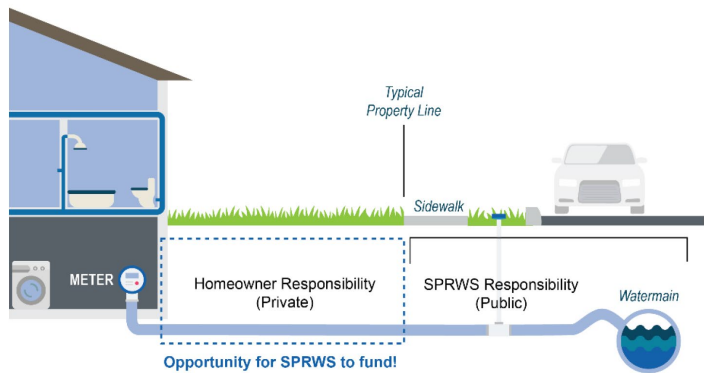
CRWD partners with City of St. Paul to design and construct boulevard rain gardens during road work, residents maintain the garden.

CRWD also has Native Landscaping Grants available. For more information see website below [Native Landscape Grants – CRWD](#)

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Water Service Connection



- Water services are re-connected to the main once the watermain is fully tested and live
- Most existing copper services are reconnected with only excavation at the watermain
- All lead services in the ROW are replaced with copper pipe at SPRWS cost
- Lead services in private property can be replaced by SPRWS contractor at no cost to homeowner





Temporary Water Mains



- 2" PVC pipe laid in the grassy area or on edge of sidewalk
- Fully Bacterially tested prior to hook-up
- Will become quite warm during the summer
- Water is provided at no cost when connected to temporary water



Temporary Water Connection



- Back fed through outside hose spigot through the use of a grey potable water rated hose
- A wye is installed to allow use of garden hose while connected
- Notification of temporary water will be posted on front door
- Temporary water crew will need to access the water meter inside building twice, once during install and once for the take down



Water Main Replacement



- Water main is approx. 8' feet deep
- Most existing residential water mains are 6" diameter cast iron pipe.
- Most mains are replaced as 6" diameter ductile iron pipe or 6" HDPE
- Installation by PW Contractor, SPRWS providing temporary water
- Water main must pass a series of bacterial tests, pressure tests, and conductivity tests prior to being put in service



Contact Information for Saint Paul Regional Water Service

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Project Engineer

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SPRWS Engineering Service Desk

651-266-6270



Private Utilities

- Private utilities, such as Xcel and communication companies will be making upgrades to their facilities.

Xcel Gas will be upgrading the gas mains starting in mid-May to be done before the Public Works contractor begins.

Telecommunications companies may also make upgrades prior to Public Works Construction



Living Through a Construction Project



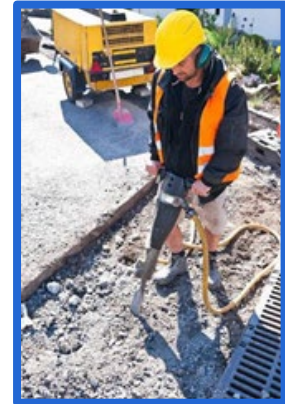
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Living Through Construction

- What to expect:
 - Noise
 - Dust
 - Mud
 - Limited Access
 - Inconvenience





Living Through Construction

- Your street will be dug up numerous times
- The work is done in layers and often by different crews doing different types of work
- Plan on 4-5 months of disruption for the entire project.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.
- Trash and recycling pickup will be arranged. Please continue to place bins as usual.





Living Through Construction

- All of the construction is done by private construction companies
- Most road work is weather dependent, and rain *will* delay work
- Contractors work 5 to 6 days a week from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- The City of Saint Paul will have an onsite representative (project inspector) to inspect the contractor's work



Road Closures



Road Closed to Thru Traffic

You can get to your house, but you cannot get all the way through. You will eventually come to a **Road Closed** sign.



Road Closed

Do Not Enter! Not safe beyond this sign.



Living Through Construction

- You will receive a letter prior to the start of construction
– keep this for names and contact numbers
- A flyer will be handed out a week before construction starts on your block – check front doors for flyers
- Onsite Public Works Inspector – the project inspector should be your **first call** with questions or issues
- Weekly updates will be posted to the city's website at www.stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2



Contacts for Wheelock Parkway Phase 2 Reconstruction

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Veit On-site Superintendent	Andy Wilbur	612-219-5498



WHEELOCK/GROTTO

SAINT PAUL SIDEWALK POLICY

Paving projects strive to implement council approved policies. A sidewalk policy was passed by City Council in 2017, recommending sidewalks on both sides of an improved street.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/2017%20Street%20Reconstruction%20Sidewalk%20Infill%20Policy.pdf>

The project will follow recommendations by St. Paul Forestry to minimize impacts to mature trees.





Wheelock/Grotto Phase 2 Information

- Preliminary Notice sent to residents on June 26, 2024
- Virtual Presentation posted on Stpaul.gov/Wheelock-Grotto2 website on October 1, 2025
- In person Open House on October 23, 2025
- Virtual Office hours on November 6, 2025
- **Public Hearing at City Council on January 21, 2026**
- Meetings with individual properties by appointment – ongoing
- Bid opening April 2026
- Lead water service replacement May 2026
- **Street Reconstruction start June 8, 2026**
- Virtual Office hours June 9, 2026
- **Completed November 2026**



Street Lighting

Before



New Lantern style street lighting will be installed after curbs and sidewalk are installed.

Wood pole lighting will remain in place until new lanterns are operational.

St. Paul Street Lighting staff are working to prevent and deter wire theft from streetlights. For more information visit <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/street-lighting>

After

