



Emerson Avenue Street Improvements

Project Timeline

Major construction for the 2024 street improvements project is scheduled to begin the week of June 10th, 2024. Work will start in the center of the project at Sylvandale Rd and Maple Park Dr (illustrated in **orange** on the map above). The work will start with reclamation of the pavement and removals, followed by watermain and storm sewer coordination. Once the utility work is complete, curb and gutter will be replaced as needed and street paving will occur. When concluded in the fall, property owners will have new watermain and upgraded streets that should serve them well for years to come. The City and the contractor have established a strategy to complete this project with as little impact as possible to residents.

Awarded Bid

Ryan Contracting Inc, from Elko, Minnesota, was awarded the project during the April 16th, 2024 City Council Meeting for a bid price of \$4,199,529.

Project Details

The Emerson Avenue Improvement Project will include watermain replacement for much of the neighborhood, full pavement reclamation and replacement, replacement of half of the curb and gutter, and storm sewer improvements.

Pavement reclamation recycles the existing pavement to be used as new base for the roadway. Curb and gutter along the watermain side of the roadway will be fully replaced. The curb and gutter on the other side of the roadway will be replaced only if it is damaged and at all catch basin locations.

Rain gardens are proposed at several locations on the project. The rain gardens will provide additional stormwater treatment.

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REPORTING OUTAGES

Utility Emergency 911
Xcel Energy Electric (800) 895-1999
Xcel Energy Gas (800) 895-2999
Century Link (877) 348-9005
Comcast (651) 493-5305



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Preliminary Schedule

City Staff and the contractor established the following timetable. It highly dependent on cooperative weather, supply chain issues, and workforce availability (refer to the map on the previous page for the limits of each phase):

Phase 1:

MOBILIZATION, Begins June 10

Moving equipment and preparing for construction

TEMPORARY WATER SETUP, Begins June 10

Setup above ground pipe to serve homes during watermain construction

REMOVALS - Begins June 24

Reclamation of the roadway, grading, curb removal

Utilities - Begins June 24

Watermain and storm sewer pipe installation

CONCRETE WORK, Begins Sept 9

Grading, driveway removal, concrete curb placement, concrete driveways. You may be asked to park on the street during the concrete curing period.

PAVING, Begins Sept 26

Paving Roadway and trails, and bituminous driveways

RESTORATION, Begins Sept 2

Boulevard and driveway restoration

FINAL PAVING, Begins June 30, 2025

Final wear course

Phase 2:

TEMPORARY WATER SETUP, Begins Aug 12

Setup above ground pipe to serve homes during watermain construction

REMOVALS - Begins Sept 2

Reclamation of the roadway, grading, curb removal

Utilities - Begins Sept 2

Watermain and storm sewer pipe installation

CONCRETE WORK, Begins Sept 30

Grading, driveway removal, concrete curb placement, concrete driveways. You may be asked to park on the street during the concrete curing period.

PAVING, Begins Oct 7

Paving Roadway and trails, and bituminous driveways

RESTORATION, Begins Oct 14

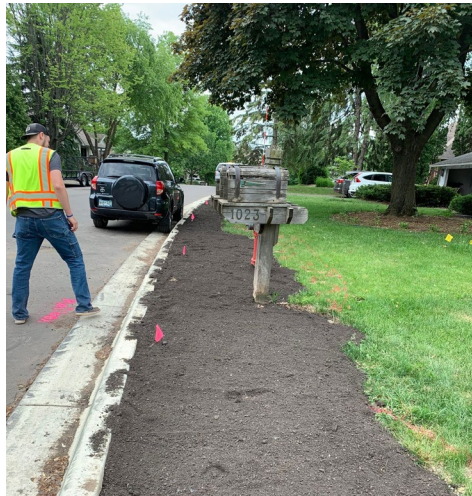
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FINAL PAVING, Begins June 30, 2025

Final wear course



Example of pavement reclamation



Example of curb and gutter repair



Example of pavement resurfacing



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Access To Homes

The contractor is responsible for ensuring access to all houses during the project. While there may be occasional temporary road closures, they will reopen by the end of each workday. If the curb in front of your driveway is replaced, you may be asked to park on the street during the concrete curing period. Notices will be given if your driveway is affected. If you have specific access requirements, please reach out to the construction inspector.

Private Utility Work

Most private utilities are remaining in place and will not be disturbed or relocated in any manner. Comcast will be relocating some lines during the project. If a problem should arise, the contractor will contact the appropriate company to determine a solution. There are no planned disruptions.

Tree Removal

Certain trees located near the roadway may require removal due to the utility work. These trees will be marked and removed to prepare for the construction work.

Restoration

The City and the contractor are taking every precaution to protect your property. In the event your yard or driveway is disturbed, turf and driveways will be replaced at the end of the project. If you see an issue at your property, please contact your construction inspector to review.

Assessments

Please refer to the feasibility report located on the City website shown below for more information regarding assessments

Right of Way

All public streets in Mendota Heights are constructed on dedicated right of way. This land was dedicated to the City during the platting process of a subdivision for the purpose of constructing and maintaining public utilities, roadways and walkways. Dedicated right of way varies in width around the City depending on when the lot was platted and the intended use of the right of way. The right of way is typically located about 15' behind the back of the curb. You may have items within the existing right of way including landscaping, irrigation systems, invisible fences, mail boxes and other items. These items may be impacted, removed or damaged by the contractor. Property owners may want to relocate, clearly mark, or remove these items prior to construction beginning to minimize the risk of damage. The contractor will do their best to avoid damaging property in the right of way.




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Watermain Replacement Details

Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) operates the water system within the City of Mendota Heights. They have targeted this area for significant replacement of the watermain due to age and condition of the underground pipes (see map). Watermain replacement will require above ground temporary water piping along the street frontage during the underground watermain construction. The temporary pipes will cross driveways but will be protected from vehicle damage.

For the duration of the watermain work, temporary water access will be set up for all impacted residents. By setting up a temporary system, the contractor can replace components of the permanent underground system without disrupting service to your home.

SPRWS will begin the set up of the temporary water access for properties in Phase 1 the week of June 10th. Notice for other areas will be provided as the schedule for that work becomes clear. In order to set up the temporary water, Saint Paul Regional Water Services will need access to an outside water spigot. They will then need to complete the set up and check that it is operating correctly from inside the home. SPRWS will work with each resident to complete the temporary water access set up.

These temporary water services will be visible blue pipe installed at each home. This above ground system is a live pressurized water system, please avoid hitting this pipe with your lawn mower. If you notice a leak in the blue pipe, please call the Saint Paul Regional Water Services construction inspector at (612) 468-2437.

It will be necessary for a SPRWS employee to enter the customer's home twice to facilitate the temporary water connection; firstly, to set up the connection and secondly to take down the connection. The valves adjacent to their water meter will be shut off. SPRWS will need direct and clear access to get to the water meter and valves inside the customer's home. It is very important that these valves remain off until the water main construction is complete and the temporary service to the customer's home is taken down. To avoid any interruption of service, an adult must let SPRWS into the home on each occasion.

The water will be the same quality customers normally receive. However, they may find the water temperature to be warmer than usual due to the watermain's location above ground and its exposure to heat and sunlight. In this case, customers can simply run the water from an inside faucet until it is cool.



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Frequently Asked Questions

IS MY LANDSCAPING IN JEOPARDY OF BEING DAMAGED?

If the landscaping or sprinkler systems are within the right of way, it may be in jeopardy. Contact the construction inspector if you are concerned about your sprinkler system or landscaping. If it lies within about 10 feet of the existing roadway it could possibly be impacted. Please clearly mark your sprinkler heads and other items in the right of way to avoid any unnecessary troubles. Purple marking flags are available for free at City Hall.

WHAT ABOUT MY MAILBOX?

Most of the existing mailboxes for your project area will remain in-place throughout the duration of the project. If you notice damage to a mailbox, please report it to the construction inspector. Some mailboxes will be temporarily relocated in order to construct the improvement, these mailboxes will be reinstalled. You will be notified if your mailbox will be removed during construction. A temporary mailbox at a location designated by the postmaster will be provided and you will receive notification of that location.

WHAT WILL BE THE HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK?

Work will be done during the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. You may see workers arrive before 7:00 a.m. preparing for work. It is our expectation that they will not start up equipment until after 7:00 a.m. Please understand that the contractor is working diligently to finish the project on time and hours may slightly exceed what was previously stated.

WHY ARE THERE STAKES IN MY YARD?

Some residents may notice wooden stakes in their front yards. Some of the stakes mark actual property corners staff found during the preliminary survey phase of the project. Other stakes mark survey control points for both preliminary and construction phases of the project. Additional stakes direct location and grade of the improvements. Please do not disturb them!

HOW CAN I STAY SAFE IN THE WORK ZONE?

Large construction equipment can have very poor sight lines. Please don't assume that the equipment operator can see you! Use care when driving near construction equipment. When driving, biking or walking in a work zone, please wait until a construction worker sees you and waves you through. Children can be very curious during construction projects. Please keep children away from the construction equipment and open trenches.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF A GAS LINE OR TELEPHONE LINE IS HIT?

During construction, private utilities can be inadvertently cut. Typically, the gas line involved is a small service line. The contractor will plug the line and call emergency crews to repair it. Due to the small size of the gas lines in this area, it is very unlikely that a cut gas line in this area will require an evacuation. If you notice a private utility failure, chances are the contractor is aware of the problem and is taking steps to correct the situation. You can also call the emergency numbers if you would like to report a failure.

WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?

If you have specific medical deliveries or special needs, please contact the construction inspector for coordination. Also, please call if you are planning any type of gathering such as a graduation party.

WHY IS THERE WHITE PAINT ON MY DRIVEWAY?

Any white paint that you see was painted by the construction inspector and signifies removal of curb and gutter or the driveway behind it. Please do not modify any markings you see on your property and try to replace utility marking flags (of all colors) that are displaced during mowing or yard work! Removing marking flags is very dangerous for construction workers and could cause an inadvertent accident/outage.



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