



University Avenue Fencing and Landscaping

Project Update 1

July 24, 2020

Background:

In 2019, several visioning meetings were held on the University and Highway 65 corridors with residents of Fridley. A summary of the meetings and stakeholder-recommended improvements is available at the project page here: <https://www.ci.fridley.mn.us/1403/University-Avenue-Hwy-65-Corridor-Develo>

Recommendations included improving the aesthetics of the University Avenue corridor, including substituting landscaped buffers for fencing where possible. The Fridley City Council subsequently requested that MnDOT remove the existing chain link fencing in Fridley, and substitute with landscaping or decorative fencing in specific locations (see reverse).

The City has partnered with MnDOT, who have designed and funded a fencing and landscaping project being administered by the City of Fridley. That project was awarded in early July and will be starting in the coming week. The project includes work on fencing and landscaping in the cities of Fridley and Columbia Heights between 37th Avenue and 69th Avenue. While the majority of the work will be performed by the contractor, Hoffman & McNamara of Hastings, MN, the City will also be providing some in-kind work on the project.

Upcoming Activity:

In the coming two weeks, Fridley City crews will be removing chain link fencing on the west side of University Avenue from Star Lane to Mercury Drive, and from 67th Avenue to Rice Creek Terrace in Fridley to allow for room to install landscaping. The Contractor will begin placing weed control on future planting beds, and within small areas to eliminate noxious weeds.

Also in the coming two weeks, the contractor will begin fencing removal in Columbia Heights on the east side of University Avenue between 37th Avenue and 40th Avenue and between 45th Avenue and 53rd Avenue. Final disposition of some fencing in Columbia Heights is still being determined; a graphic will be provided with a future update when finalized.

Stay Connected

We will be posting all project updates and notifications for this project at:

<https://www.fridleymn.gov/1527/University-Avenue-Fencing-and-Landscapin>

Residents are encouraged to sign up for email alerts for current updates at

<https://www.fridleymn.gov/1354/Projects>

OR, please contact web-StreetProjects@fridleymn.gov and request to be added to this project email list to receive project updates via email as they are posted.

Worksite Safety

Although it is tempting and interesting to watch, it is very important that residents, including children, remain well away from work zones. Please be cautious near construction areas, equipment, and warning signs.

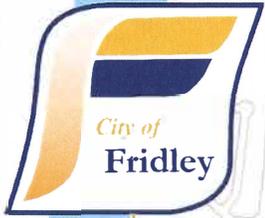
If you have an emergency, the City of Fridley's after hours contact is (763) 427-1212. This is an Anoka County Dispatch and they will direct your call.

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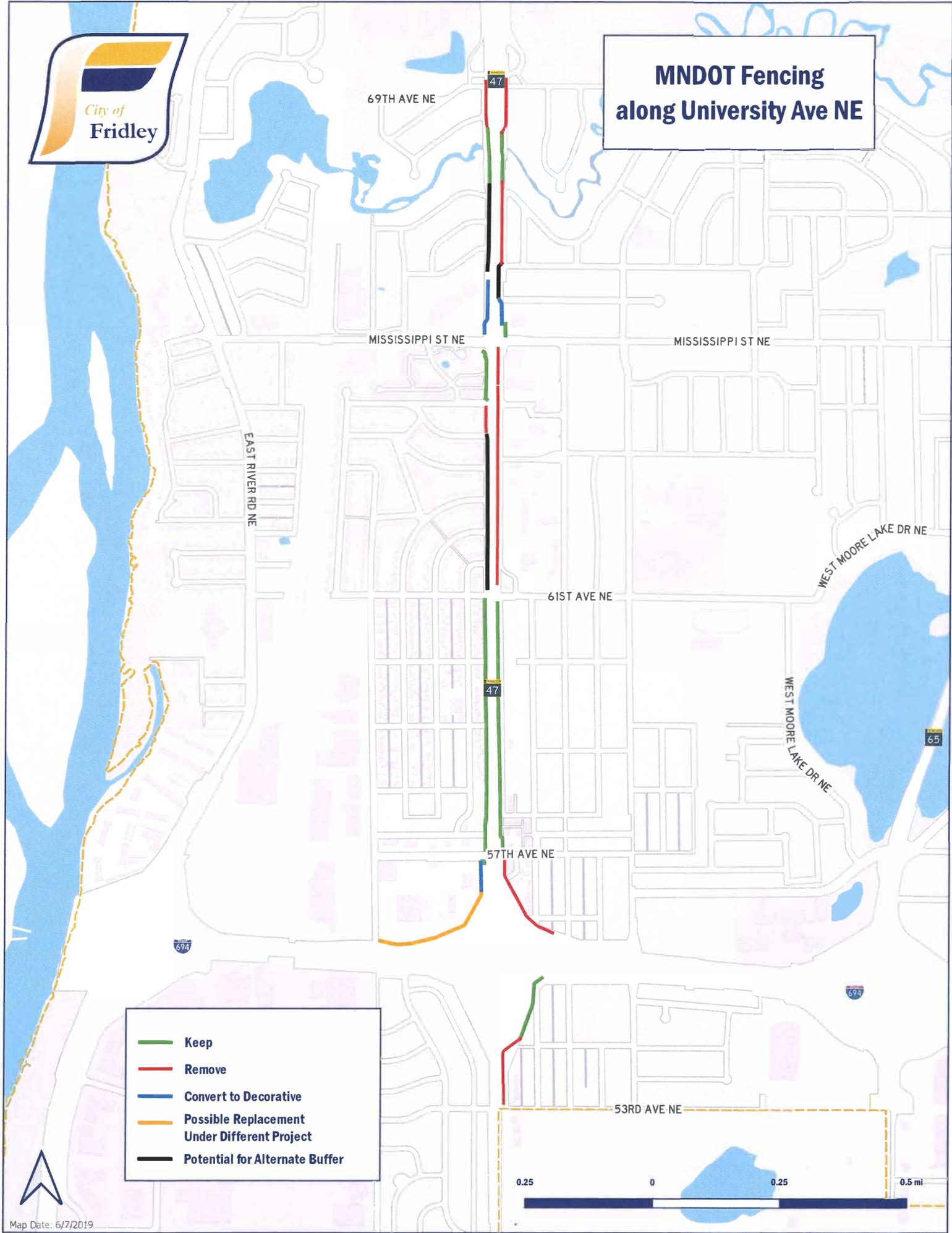
The contractor's hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. There is potential for occasional work on Saturdays upon City approval. Additionally, the project covers a large length (2 miles). There may be times when you will not see continuous activity in one location. The contractor is likely in another area of the project.

Contact Information:

*Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience during the project. The City of Fridley's project engineer, **Brandon Brodhag**, can be reached at **(763) 238-8086** if you have any questions, or*



MNDOT Fencing along University Ave NE



- Keep
- Remove
- Convert to Decorative
- Possible Replacement Under Different Project
- Potential for Alternate Buffer