

Construction Information & Frequently Asked Questions

Safe Routes to School Improvement Project No. ST2026-21



Project Scope

The City of Fridley's Safe Routes to School Improvement Project No. ST2026-21 includes the construction of new shared-use trails, concrete curb & gutter and other miscellaneous work along portions of 61st Avenue, 7th Street and Commons Park/Fridley Middle School.

Shared-Use Trail Construction

The Safe Routes to School Improvement Project includes the construction of new shared-use trails along the following streets:

- 61st Avenue from University Avenue (TH 47) East Service Road to West Moore Lake Drive
- 7th Street from 61st Avenue to Mississippi Street (CSAH 6)
- Commons Park/Fridley Middle School from 7th Street to Jackson Street

These trail routes are identified in the City's Active Transportation Plan and Safe Routes to School Plan with Fridley Public Schools as crucial multimodal connections that improve pedestrian/cyclist access and safety, with direct benefits to students attending Fridley Middle School and Hayes Elementary School.

The constructed trails will be 8' to 10' feet in width and generally replace the existing shoulder/on-street parking on the trail side of the street. Existing on-street parking on the opposite side of the street and on adjacent side streets will remain. Trail construction will also include the construction of new concrete curb & gutter and transitions from driveways to the new trail.

Utility Improvements

Minor utility improvements to be completed in conjunction with the project will include the relocation of two (2) existing fire hydrants and spot replacement of existing storm sewer structures and piping impacted by the new trail construction.

Boulevard Restoration

Following the completion of trail and utility construction, the Contractor shall be responsible for the restoration and establishment of vegetation in locations disturbed by construction activities. Restoration efforts will include the placement of topsoil, fertilizer, seed, hydraulic fiber matrix and erosion prevention measures, if required. Once restoration efforts are completed, the Contractor is responsible for watering and maintaining the disturbed area for a period of 45 days.


While the Contractor is responsible for all restored areas during the 45-day maintenance period, residents can play an important part in the reestablishment of vegetation. For more information, please see the City's [Restoration Care Guide](#).

Construction Coordination

Project Communication


Project residents are encouraged to contact the City of Fridley Engineering Division with any questions or concerns regarding the project. Look for City project representatives in vehicles or construction vests bearing the City's logo.

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Construction Scheduling

Project construction updates will be distributed weekly via the project email list and posts to the City's project webpage. These updates will summarize the current week's activities and provide a tentative construction schedule for the following week. For major construction activities with impacts to vehicle access or utility services, project residents will receive advanced physical notices detailing the upcoming work. Please note that all construction scheduling is tentative, weather-dependent and subject to change.

Residents are encouraged to subscribe to the City's project email list by sending their name and address to web-StreetProjects@fridleymn.gov and requesting to be added to the project email list to receive the latest project updates.

Access During Construction

The City and Contractor will make every effort to maintain access to driveways and streets within the project area during construction. Due to the nature of trail construction, however, residents should expect varying impacts to street and driveway access throughout the project. The greatest impact to driveway access will be during the construction of concrete curb & gutter and trail/driveway pavement in front of your property. The extent of access impacts will depend on the material being constructed.

Once poured, new concrete will generally require a curing period of seven (7) days, during which time vehicle access to impacted driveways will be restricted. Construction of bituminous asphalt trail and driveway pavement typically only require one working day with restricted driveway access. Project residents shall receive written notification of access restrictions at least 24 hours prior to such work. Notices will also include information on alternate parking accommodations, if required.

Individuals requiring special access needs during construction are asked to contact the City's Engineering Division to coordinate necessary accommodations.

Construction Safety

Please be aware that a construction site may be a dangerous place. The Contractor and City will make every effort to ensure that adequate signs, fences, and barriers are installed on the site. Even with these precautions, we ask that residents, including children, remain outside the immediate work zone and exercise caution when navigating the project area wherever you see workers, equipment, or warning signs.

Mail Service

In general, mail service will not be disrupted by construction activities. In locations where construction does not allow access to existing mailboxes, the Contractor shall provide individual or clustered temporary mailboxes for use by residents.

Trash/Recycling Pick-Up

In general, trash and recycling pick-up will not be disrupted by construction activities. At times when trash/recycling pick-up services are unable to access parts of the project area, the Contractor shall move receptacles to a centralized location for pick-up and return the receptacles to the impacted properties by the end of the day.

Landscaping & Private Irrigation Systems

During construction, the existing green space may be disturbed up to 10 feet behind the existing curb. In order to avoid unnecessary damage, residents are requested to temporarily relocate yard landscaping items including flowers, plantings, decorative rock, retaining walls, landscape edging and fabric that may be impacted by construction activities. Please contact the City Engineering Division if you are unsure if your landscaping will be impacted by upcoming construction.

Residents are also asked to mark existing sprinkler heads and invisible pet fences located in your yard. Yard flags are available through the City for locating these private systems. The Contractor will be responsible for the repair and reinstatement of any private irrigation or pet fence systems impacted by construction activities.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When are the Contractor's working hours?

The Contractor's typical working hours shall be 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. There is the potential for occasional work outside these hours upon City approval.

Why did they cut my driveway at that point?

In some instances, it may be necessary for the Contractor to remove and replace a portion of driveway in order to effectively transition from the driveway to the new trail pavement.

Before the Contractor removes any driveway pavement, the City Engineering Division determines where it should be cut depending on existing driveway grade, pavement joints and adjacent landscaping. The goal is to minimize impacts to your driveway while providing a smooth transition to the new roadway. As a result, two adjacent driveways may have different removal limits to achieve this goal.

I would like to replace my driveway. How should this be coordinated, and can this be done with in conjunction with the road construction?

The City will not include private driveway replacements (outside of those required for street construction) as part of the City's project. Residents considering driveway replacement or modifications are encouraged to complete this work prior to the start of street construction. Residents are asked to obtain contractor quotes and notify City project staff of any planned driveway construction in the project area.