

Cedar Lake Road Improvements project

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If you have questions about this project, contact:



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Construction on the Cedar Lake Road Improvements project (Highway 169 to Rhode Island Avenue) is scheduled to begin in early June and will be completed by the end of November 2024. The project will include new pavement, watermain replacement, enhancements for people walking and rolling, including curb extensions, raised medians and upgrades to ensure ADA compliance, and accommodations for people biking.

Schedule/ phasing

The project was awarded to Eureka Construction, Inc. The city is currently working with the contractor on start date, schedule and phasing plan. Once the schedule and phasing plan is determined, this information will be posted on the project's website: <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou>. This schedule may change over the summer as weather or constraints arise during construction. The best way to keep up-to-date on the project schedule is to sign up for the weekly email updates on the project website. These updates will provide you with details on work completed, work in progress and a two-week look ahead for planned work.

Although construction is scheduled to begin soon, you may not see significant construction activity in the right of way adjacent to your home until much later this summer. The contractor is required to break the project into phases so only portions of the street are under construction at the same time. Street work on one phase must be substantially completed before they are allowed to begin work on another phase.

Don't live on Cedar Lake Road?

If you don't live on Cedar Lake Road, you are receiving this newsletter because this project may affect how you access your neighborhood. This is the only mailed communication you will receive, so if you would like to stay informed, please sign up for weekly updates at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/construction-updates.

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Private improvements in the right of way

Eureka Construction, Inc. will be working in the public right of way. If you have private improvements such as underground sprinklers, electric wiring, perennial gardens or invisible fences within 15 feet of curb, it is likely that they are in the public right of way. Removal and reinstallation of these items are the responsibility of the property owner. If you have questions, contact the project coordinator.

Weather

Be aware that construction is highly weather dependent; rain can cause delays. Keep up-to-date on the schedule by signing up for email updates at <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou>. This webpage will have current information on the contractor's progress.

Buses and emergency services

Staff is in direct contact with the school district, Metro Transit, police, fire and ambulance services and will be communicating with them for the duration of the project.

New concrete

When new concrete is placed at your driveway, sidewalk or bikeway, there will be a seven-day "cure" period. During this time, you will **not** be able to drive on the new concrete. Parking will be allowed on one side of Cedar Lake Road during this time. Notices will be sent to affected properties in advance of the concrete installation.

On-street parking

While the street is under construction, there will be days in which parking will be restricted. This is to ensure that the contractor can complete their work. When this happens, temporary "NO PARKING" signs will be posted 48 hours prior to construction to allow for you to make other parking arrangements. Once the project is complete, on street parking on Cedar Lake Road will be prohibited.



Underground utility construction

Garbage, recycling, organics, mail and deliveries

City staff and the contractor will work closely with the various providers that service your neighborhood. If you have questions or concerns regarding special services or deliveries, contact the project coordinator.

Access

We realize that construction activities can be an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience while the project is being completed.

The contractor has been directed to provide you with access to your property at the end of each workday. However, access to and from your property during normal working hours may be affected, requiring alternate routes or other accommodations.

If you have special access needs, contact the project coordinator. In most instances, we are able to meet your particular needs.

Watermain

Some segments of Cedar Lake Road are scheduled for watermain replacement. When the watermain is replaced, the first thing that the contractor will do is install a temporary watermain to serve your home. Your water service during this time will be above ground. Please take care when cutting your grass to not run over this temporary service. Once the temporary watermain is put in service, the contractor will start construction on the new watermain. Street segments with watermain replacement take longer to complete. In addition, water could be temporarily unavailable at times. Notices to effected properties will be provided when this occurs.

Survey markers

In order to perform the project construction, engineers place a series of survey markers (wooden stakes) for the contractor to measure from. Typically, these markers are offset several feet from the object or point they refer to so that they are not disturbed during the construction process. As a result, these offset markers are often placed well into the boulevard. If you have questions about a stake in your yard, give the project coordinator a call.

Private utility providers

Private utilities, such as telephone, gas and electric companies, will also be working on their infrastructure. For specific information about their activities, it is often best to contact the provider directly.

Contact the following for utility outages:

- CenterPoint Energy: To report a suspected natural gas leak, immediately leave, go to a safe location, **call 911** and then call their natural gas leak emergency hotline at 612.372.5050 or 800.296.9815. Website: www.centerpointenergy.com
- Xcel Energy: To report a power outage, call 1.800.895.1999 or go online to www.xcelenergy.com
- CenturyLink: To report an internet outage call 1.877.348.9005; to report a telephone outage call 1.877.348.9007; or report both online at www.centurylink.com
- Comcast: Call 1.800.934.6489 or online at www.xfinity.com
- USI: Call 612.444.1888 or go online to www.usinternet.com/support

Utility flags

To protect against underground utility damage, the contractor will be calling in utility locates. This is required for anyone digging a hole, whether it is to plant a tree or rebuild a street. The city, Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy, Comcast and CenturyLink will locate their underground utilities by spray painting marks on the ground and placing flags in the boulevard. Do not remove these flags.

Contact us

If you have questions or concerns, contact the engineering department at 952.924.2656, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

After hours

If an issue arises outside of regular business hours, call the city's non-emergency dispatcher at 952.924.2618. They will contact the appropriate on-call project staff.

Stay informed

Throughout the project, we will keep you informed by email, website and direct mailings.

To receive email updates on this and other construction projects happening in St. Louis Park, sign up at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/construction-updates

Enter your email and you will be directed to a list of available project email notification choices.

Safety

Your help in maintaining a safe work environment is important. The noise and activity during construction can make it difficult for workers to watch for onlookers. Heavy equipment operators must concentrate on the job at hand and may not notice activity near or behind their equipment. Keep a safe distance and use caution while traveling through the construction area. Be alert for moving equipment, holes, trenches and other hazards in the work zone.

REMEMBER: IF YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, THEY CAN'T SEE YOU.

We know children are often very interested in construction and construction equipment. We want them to be safe. Remind children to stay clear of the construction area and equipment during working and non-working hours.

