

Oct. 14, 2024

RE: 2025 Commercial Street Rehab Project (Raleigh Avenue and 35th Street)  
**Open House #1: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Dear Community Member:

Street rehabilitation construction on Raleigh Avenue and 35th Street is set to start in 2025 as part of the city's 2025 Commercial Street Rehabilitation project. There are different construction activities going on throughout the project area. **Please see the attachments for a project map and an overview of project scope.**

We want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be involved in the public process, so we have provided multiple ways to get involved.

Attend an in-person open house scheduled for: <b>Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024</b> <b>5:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>City Hall Council Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)</b> <b>5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416</b>	Contact city staff to set up a <b>virtual meeting</b> or <b>in-person meeting</b> to view the preliminary layouts and discuss any concerns you may have. Contact information is provided below.
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There will be no formal presentation at this meeting, and you can attend anytime during the open house hours. The purpose of the public meeting is to gather feedback from the neighborhood.

At this meeting, you will learn more about the proposed project and view layouts showing information on street, sidewalks and utility improvements.

The information from this meeting will be posted on <http://bit.ly/2025-street-rehab> by the end of the day on Nov. 18, 2024, at the latest.

Throughout the public participation process, city staff is committed to keeping community members informed, listening to and acknowledging concerns, and providing feedback on how input influenced final plans.

If you have questions or can't attend the meeting and would like to make arrangements to discuss the project at another time, please contact me at [awiesen@stlouisparkmn.gov](mailto:awiesen@stlouisparkmn.gov) or 952.924.2673. I look forward to working with you and your neighbors.

Sincerely,



Aaron Wiesen, P.E.

Engineering project manager

Attachments: Project scope overview, project map

Cc: engineering director, city manager, ward 2 council member

## Project scope overview

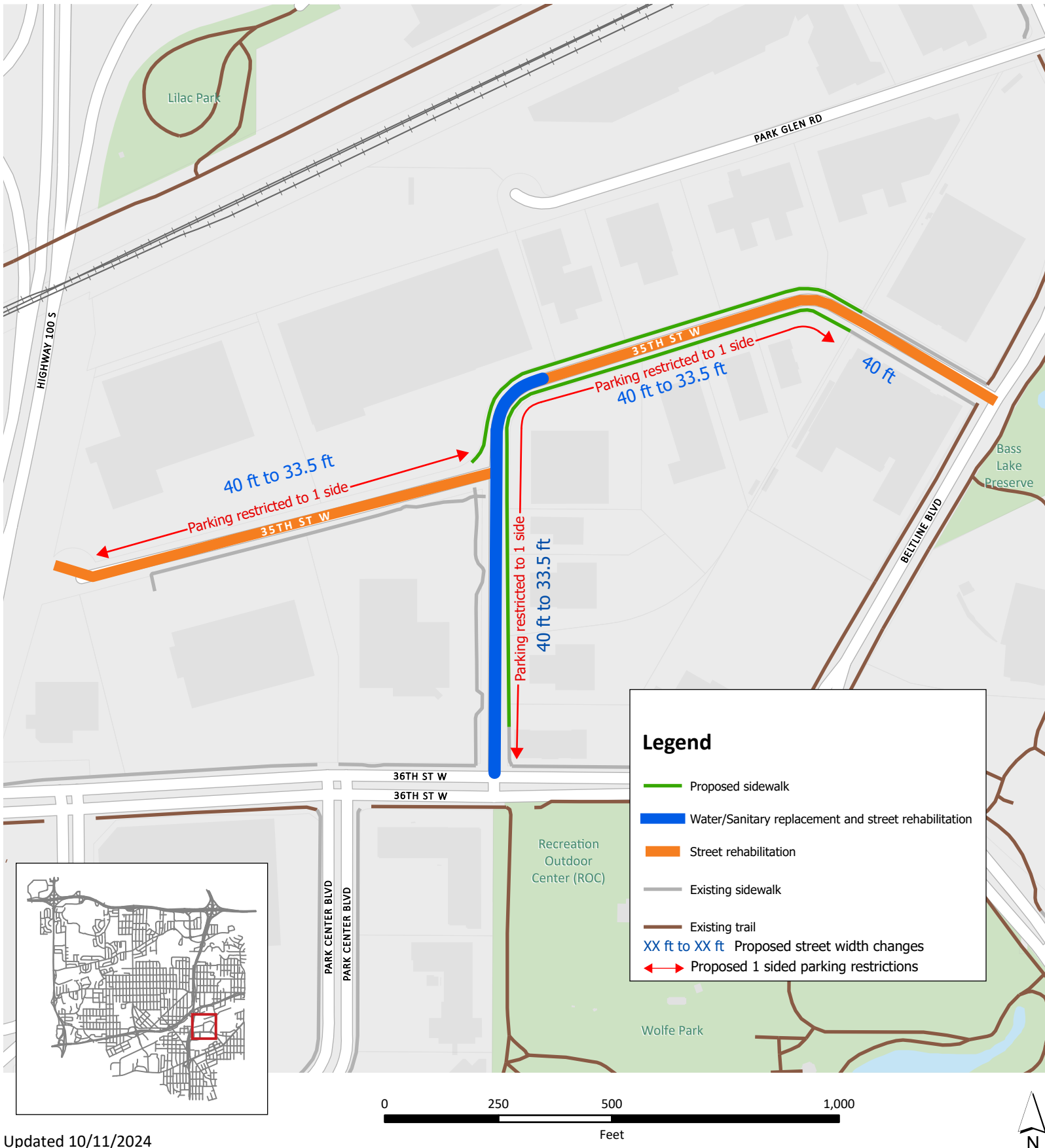
- Street rehabilitation
  - The streets included in the project will have the pavement removed and replaced.
- Curb replacement
  - The entire length of curb and driveway aprons to be removed due to do condition, utility work and proposed sidewalk.
- Street right sizing
  - The removal of the existing curb provides an opportunity for the city to evaluate the appropriate street width.
  - Reduce width of Raleigh Avenue and portions of 35th Street from 40 feet to 33.5 feet.
  - The benefits of a reduced street width are minimized impacts from proposed sidewalk, minimized impervious surface and storm runoff, traffic management, and reduced cost.
- Parking restrictions
  - A street width reduction would restrict parking to one side of the street. The side of the street for parking restrictions still to be determined.
- Proposed new sidewalks
  - As a part of this project, sidewalks are proposed on both sides of Raleigh Avenue and 35th Street between 36th Street and Beltline Boulevard.
  - Sidewalks allow pedestrians, including those in a wheelchair or visually impaired, to safely move around the city by means other than a vehicle. Sidewalks enhance connectivity and promote walking.
  - Inclusion at this stage in the process does not predetermine final recommendations. Staff recommendations will ultimately be based on context-sensitive design solutions. This will include factors like traffic volumes, tree impacts, private property impacts, available right of way and cost.
  - The decision on whether to construct proposed sidewalk segments will be made by the city council as a part of the project approval process in January-February 2025.
- Utility replacement
  - Watermain and sanitary sewer replacement on Raleigh Avenue between 36th Street and 35th Street. Storm sewer replacement throughout the project area.
- Private utilities
  - This project is also an opportunity for private utility companies to replace or add new facilities in the neighborhood.

The 2025 Commercial Street Rehabilitation project is included in the Capital Improvement Program approved by the St. Louis Park City Council. These improvements are proposed to be paid for using city funds; there are no proposed assessments to property owners for this project.

## Next steps

- Open House #1 – Nov. 19, 2024
- Public Hearing (city council meeting) – January 2025
- Project Approval (city council meeting) – February 2025

# 2025 Commercial Street Rehabilitation Project



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