

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