

Oct. 23, 2024

RE: Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue improvement project

**Open House #5: Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Dear Community Member:

You are invited to attend an open house to view the final plans for the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue project that is scheduled for construction in 2025 and 2026. See attached map for project limits and construction schedule.

We want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to get this information, so we have provided multiple ways to get involved.

<p>Attend an in-person open house scheduled for: <b>Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024</b> <b>5:30 – 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Westwood Hills Nature Center</b> <b>Willow and Aspen room</b> <b>8300 W. Franklin Ave., St. Louis Park</b></p>	<p>Contact city staff to set up a <b>virtual meeting</b> or <b>in-person meeting</b> to view the layouts and discuss any concerns you may have. Contact information is provided below.</p>
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At this meeting, you will learn what to expect during construction and view layouts showing information on street, sidewalk, bicycle, and utility improvements. Please refer to the project scope overview attached to this letter for more information on what was approved for this project.

Information at this open house will be posted on the project's website at <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou> by the end of the day on Dec. 5 so that it can be viewed at any time.

If you have questions or are unable to attend this meeting and would like 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 4 council member; Nextdoor

## Project scope overview

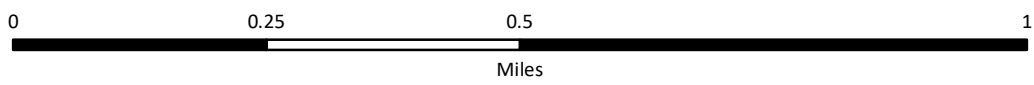
On Feb. 6, 2023, the city council approved the layout for the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue improvement project. In 2025 and 2026, this project includes the following:

- In 2025, Louisiana Avenue from the St. Louis Park Fire Station #2 to Wayzata Blvd. will be reconstructed.
  - New pavement including reducing the roadway width for traffic calming.
  - Replacement of segments of watermain, storm sewer and sanitary sewer based on condition and need.
  - New sidewalk on the east side of Louisiana Avenue.
  - Crosswalk enhancements for people walking and rolling, including raised medians and user-actuated flashing beacons.
  - Replacement of the traffic signal at Franklin Avenue and Louisiana Avenue with user activated flashing beacons (RRFBs) to help pedestrians and bicyclists cross Louisiana Ave.
  - Extend the median at the intersection of 14th St. and Louisiana Ave., restricting access.
  - Removal of existing on street parking
  - Construction of ADA improvements and bus refuges at transit stops.
  - The bike facility will parallel Louisiana Avenue, through the neighborhoods on the west and east. This alternate bike route can be used by bicyclists of all ages and all abilities. This option was chosen to also limit tree removals in the corridor.
  
- In 2026, Cedar Lake Road from Rhode Island Ave. to Kentucky Ave. and Louisiana Ave. from 23rd St. to the St. Louis Park Fire Station #2 will be reconstructed.
  - New pavement including reducing the roadway width for traffic calming.
  - Replacement of segments of watermain, storm sewer and sanitary sewer based on condition and need.
  - A new cycle track bike facility will be constructed along Cedar Lake Road.
  - New sidewalk on the south side of Cedar Lake Road and the east side of Louisiana Ave.
  - Crosswalk enhancements for people walking and rolling, including raised medians and RRFBs.
  - Replacing the traffic signal at the intersection of Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Ave with a roundabout. To enhance pedestrian and bicyclists' safety at the roundabout crosswalks, RRFBs will be installed at all legs of the intersection.
  - The traffic signal at Nevada Avenue and Cedar Lake Road will be removed and replaced with RRFBs to help pedestrians and bicyclists cross Cedar Lake Road.
  - Construction of ADA improvements and bus refuges at transit stops

## Next Steps

- Open House #5 – December 5, 2024
- Construction– Spring 2025 to Winter 2026

# Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue Improvements



**Legend**

- 2024 construction
- 2025 construction
- 2026 construction
- Municipal boundary