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Re: St Paul Avenue and North Street Corridor Improvements

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

This letter is to inform you that the City of Waukesha will be completing work on the St. Paul Avenue and North Street Corridor. Currently this project is in the design phase and is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2022 with project completion in the fall of 2022. Early private utility work will be starting in the late fall of 2021 prior to the project work beginning. The project work will be phased to limit the work zone and impacts to adjacent properties and the traveling public.

Included with this letter is a project information fact sheet with details about the scope of work and project phasing. Prior to the start of construction, another letter with more detailed information will be sent regarding specific start date timeframes, parking and access through construction, and garbage collection.

Currently the project is in the design and bidding phase, and if you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project please contact Craig Ausen, P.E. at (262) 524-3589 or [causen@waukesha-wi.gov](mailto:causen@waukesha-wi.gov).

Sincerely,

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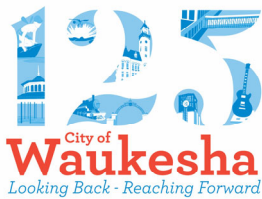
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# St. Paul Avenue and North Street Corridor Improvements

## Project Information Sheet

As funded in the 2022 budget, it is planned to reconstruct W. St Paul Avenue (from Mountain Ave to Madison St), W. North Street (from St Paul Ave to Madison), Madison St (from The Fox River to Ann St), and to convert both North Street and St Paul Avenue from Wisconsin Avenue to Albert Street to two-way operation. Currently this project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2022 with project completion in the fall of 2022. Early private utility work will be starting in the late fall of 2021 prior to the project work beginning. The scope of work for this project includes:

- Water main replacement (from Mountain Ave. to Madison St., and Madison St. from The Fox River to Ann St.)
- Sanitary sewer relay (Madison St., Fox River to Ann St., and North St., Union St. to Pewaukee Rd.)
- Sanitary sewer lining/rehabilitation
- Storm sewer improvements/adjustments/rehabilitation
- Concrete pavement and curb and gutter reconstruction
- NEW roadway connector from North Street to St Paul Avenue
- NEW traffic signal at the St Paul Ave./Albert St./NEW slip ramp intersection
- Traffic signal replacements at the St Paul Ave./Wisconsin Ave./North St. and St Paul Ave./Madison St. intersections
- Traffic signal improvements at the below intersections:
  - St Paul Ave./NW Barstow St., North St./NW Barstow St., North St./Madison St./Delafield St.



### Proposed Major Changes

- St Paul Avenue and North Street will be converted to a two-way operation from Mountain Avenue to Albert Street
- W. St Paul Avenue will be one travel lane in each direction with a parking lane on both the North and South side of the roadway.
- Addition of left turn lanes at each of the intersections
- New concrete sidewalk along the South side of W. St. Paul Avenue (Wisconsin Ave. to Madison St.)

### Benefits to the 2-Way Conversion

- Increased Business Visibility – Two directions of travel provides two perspectives and opportunities to notice local businesses.
- Easier Wayfinding – Conversion of these one-way streets allows for easier maneuverability through and around the City for residents and visitors and allows for easier access to the downtown business district.
- Support New Developments and Redevelopments – Developers looking at the area have stressed the importance of a two-way street system on St Paul Ave./North St. for viability of development.
- Increased Transit Safety and Efficiently – Two-way streets around the Downtown Transit Center, as the Center was originally designed for, increases transit safety by eliminating the number of left turns buses are making in the area.

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- Federal Funding – A portion of this project is funded 80% by the Federal government with the City paying the remaining 20% of the project costs.

### **Important Dates**

- Utility Relocation work - Mid-November 2021
- Public Information Meeting – January 13, 2022 (4:00-6:00)
- Project Bid Opening – Mid-February 2022
- Start of construction – Mid/Late-March 2022
- Final Project Completion - Mid/Late October 2022

### **Project Phasing\***

Given the size, scope and magnitude of the proposed improvements, the overall project is anticipated to be phased into 3 major pieces. The concept of the phasing layout is to reduce the overall amount of time that areas of the project are impacted, and to provide alternate routes around the work zones for property access.

**Phase 0 (W. St Paul Avenue – Mountain Ave. to Madison St) – Mid-November to Early March** – One lane of travel in each direction along W. St. Paul Avenue will be maintained at all times for private utility work.

- Private utility work will be occurring within the terrace area, and the adjacent outside eastbound travel lane of W. St. Paul Avenue.
- Access to driveways within the construction limits will be kept open as possible. Access may be restricted to complete work adjacent to driveway openings (Underground utility work). Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

**Phase 1 (W. St Paul Avenue – Wisconsin Ave/North St to Madison St) – Mid-March to Early July** – One lane traveling NE on W St Paul Avenue will be maintained with only partial full closures for utility work.

- The W. St Paul Ave/Wisconsin Ave/North St intersection will remain open through this phase.
- The W. St Paul Ave/Madison St intersection will remain open through this phase
- Access to driveways within the construction limits will be kept open as possible. Access will be restricted to complete work adjacent to driveway openings (Underground utility work). Access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

**Phase 2 (Madison St – Bank St to Ann St) – Mid-June to Mid-August** – One lane traveling NE on W St Paul Avenue will be maintained.

- At the beginning of phase 2 Madison St will need to be closed for utility and bridge work. After this work is completed the contractor will reopen Madison St to One lane in each direction.
- Access to driveways within the construction limits will be available throughout the duration of the work, unless prior arrangements are made with adjacent property owners/users.

**Phase 3 (W. St Paul Ave/Wisconsin Ave/North St) – Mid-August to Mid-October** – One lane traveling NE on W St Paul Avenue will be maintained with only partial full closures for utility work. Madison Street will be open to traffic.

- The reconstruction of the intersection is be staged to maintain the following movements
  - One lane NE on St Paul Ave
  - One lane SW on St Paul Ave to the West of the intersection only
  - The N/S crossing movement
- Access to driveways within the construction limits will be kept open as possible. Access will be restricted to complete work adjacent to driveway openings (Underground utility work).
  - Access to commercial/industrial driveways within the construction limits will be available throughout the duration of the work, unless prior arrangements are made with adjacent property owners/users.

### **Project Contact**

Public input is an important part of the project development process and your comments are encouraged. If you have any questions, comments or would like additional information please contact Craig Ausen, P.E., City of Waukesha Project Manager, 262-524-3589, or [causen@waukesha-wi.gov](mailto:causen@waukesha-wi.gov). Additional information, including construction updates will be provided on the City's website: <https://waukesha-wi.gov/1136/Current-Construction-Projects>

\*As the project goes through design/project bidding and more details are known, the preliminary schedule and milestone dates may change.