

Minnehaha Avenue reconstruction project



Construction notice - Spring 2015

A public open house will be held April 8, 2015, from 5-7 p.m. at the Longfellow Recreation Center, 3435 36th Avenue S, Minneapolis

Anyone interested is invited to attend to get the latest information about the reconstruction project and ask questions or share concerns with project staff.

Hennepin County, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, will be reconstructing Minnehaha Avenue from Nawadaha Boulevard to Lake Street. The improvements to Minnehaha Avenue are needed to address deteriorating pavement, utility and drainage concerns, as well as multi-modal safety conditions.

Anticipated construction schedule

Minnehaha Avenue reconstruction will begin in April 2015 and is expected to last two construction seasons.

Estimated construction and closure dates

2015

From Nawadaha Boulevard to 42nd St.

April to August 2015

From 42nd St. to 38th St.

August to November 2015

2016

From 38th St. to 34th St.

April to August 2016

From 34th St. to Lake St.

August to November 2016

What can be expected during construction?

Crews will close the road in four segments to minimize impacts during construction. Resident and business access will remain available throughout the project. Sometimes crews may need to build temporary driveways in order to maintain access.



Detour

During the first phase of the project, the corridor will close to through traffic from Nawadaha Boulevard to 42nd Street, with a detour posted between Lake Street and 46th Street.

Local traffic (residents and businesses in the corridor) will be able to use fully paved streets and walkways on all areas except the four block segment under construction.

Access to local businesses and residences will remain available in the four block segment under construction. Surfaces may not be paved or smooth at all times, as the area will be actively under construction.

Crossing Minnehaha Avenue

Travelers will be able to cross Minnehaha Avenue at intersections during construction, with the exception of short-term closures. Each cross street at Minnehaha Avenue, except 46th Street, 42nd Street and Lake Street, will be fully closed for up to ten days to allow for construction in or around the intersection. Travelers may cross at other locations during these intersection closures.

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What road improvements will be made to Minnehaha Avenue?

There will still be two lanes of traffic. Crews will add left turn lanes at 31st, 32nd, 38th and 46th streets and add a southbound right turn lane at 42nd Street.

Crews will shorten pedestrian crossings with bump outs at intersections, improving visibility and intersection sightlines, and improve bus stops and pedestrian curbs to make them fully accessible.

Crews will realign intersections to create 90 degree angles at 27th and 31st avenues, 32nd and 33rd streets, and 36th and 37th avenues. This improves sightlines for motorists, reduces crossing distances for pedestrians, slows traffic, and adds green space where intersection corners have been extended.

Crews will construct enhanced dedicated bicycle lanes (including a striped buffer zone and concrete pavement treatment) to improve comfort and safety for cyclists, and improve pedestrian and street level lighting to help make the corridor safer for all travelers.

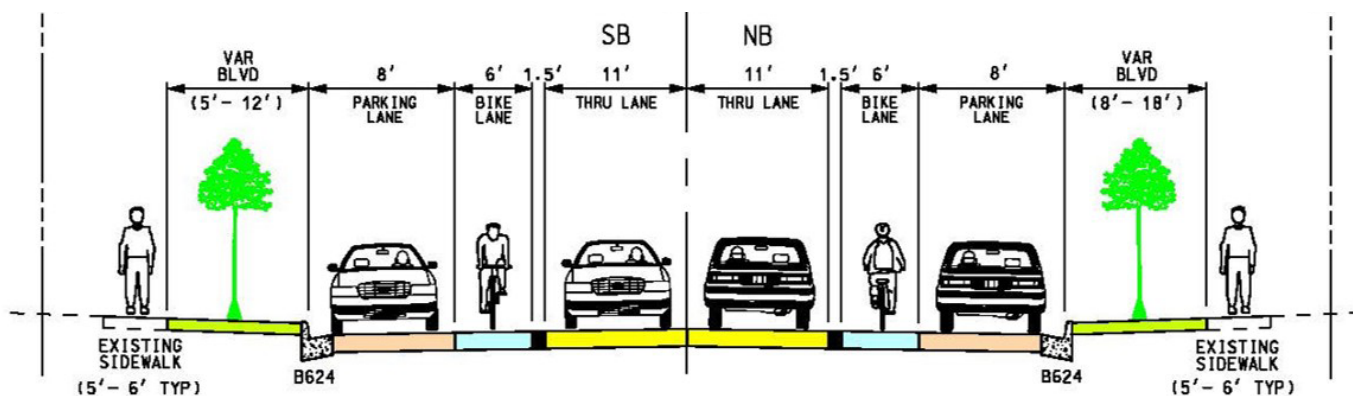
Crews will also improve storm water systems to mitigate drainage issues.



Utility improvements

CenterPoint Energy plans to improve the gas mains in this corridor and will be beginning their work by early April 2015. This gas main replacement work is being completed at the same time as the reconstruction of Minnehaha Avenue. Work may extend outside the four block closure area, but traffic impacts should remain the same.

Residents may improve their sewer and water service lines when the street is being reconstructed. For questions regarding water and sewer service replacement, contact 612-930-4211 or minnehaha@hennepin.us.



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More information about the project can be found at www.hennepin.us/minnehaha