



# Concord Street (TH 156) Improvements

CP 2016-11, SP 1912-59



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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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### Weekly Construction Update

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

The City of South St. Paul's Contractor, Eureka Construction, has begun construction between I-494 and Hardman Avenue. Below is a brief update on the traffic access within the project corridor and general scope of construction activities planned for the next few weeks:

#### Roadway / Lane Closure Updates

- Roadway continues to be closed from Armour Avenue to Hardman Avenue
  - Cross traffic open at Grand Avenue and Bridgepoint Drive
  - Follow local detour via Armour Avenue and Hardman Avenue
- Lane closures between I-494 and Armour Avenue
  - Two-way opposing Concord Street traffic will be temporarily switched over to the east side of the roadway while the Contractor performs concrete repairs on the west side of the roadway starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. This traffic switch is anticipated to be in effect for 3 weeks. A similar traffic switch is expected to the opposite side of Concord Street in August.
  - All traffic movements / access will be maintained to businesses and all intersections
  - Villaume Avenue and the WB I-494 ramp intersections will temporarily change from signals to all-way stop conditions until concrete pavement repairs are completed
- Grand Avenue Intersection
  - Water main will be installed at the north side of the intersection in the vicinity of westbound traffic
  - Cross access will be maintained, but short-term interruptions may occur requiring traffic to be directed around the work area by crews on-site

***\* The City of South St. Paul will be posting traffic updates on the WAZE app to help direct traffic around construction zones for residents and to area businesses. The WAZE app can be downloaded onto all mobile devices.***





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## Roadway Construction Activities

### Phase 1 (I-494 to Hardman Avenue)

- Concrete crushing operations have temporarily stopped since enough material has been generated for the work between I-494 and Hardman Avenue
- Concrete pavement repairs within the southbound Concord Street lanes between I-494 and Armour Avenue
- Installation of new storm sewer between Grand Avenue and Hardman Avenue
- Removal of existing storm sewer between Grand Avenue and Hardman Avenue
- Installation of new water main crossing at Grand Avenue.
- Installation of modular block retaining walls at the intersections with Concord Exchange and Armour Avenue
- Installation of concrete curb and gutter between Armour Avenue and Grand Avenue
- Installation of concrete planters at Grand Avenue
- Installation of underground electrical conduit systems for street lighting and fiber optic networks
  - ***The watermain work will continue to require periodic water shutdowns to facilitate the installation of the new water main and service connections. Through the City Contract, planned water shutdowns require at least 48-hours advance notice to any impacted property owner. The City and Contractor continue to work together to provide as much advance notice as possible to property owners. Advance notice of water shutdowns will be provided on future Construction Updates if they are known prior to the release of the update.***

We ask for your patience and understanding during construction, as the public may experience vibration and noise during work operations. Crews will work to minimize these disruptions as much as feasible.

Please Contact Sue Polka, City of South St. Paul City Engineer at [spolka@southstpaul.org](mailto:spolka@southstpaul.org) or 651-554-3214 if you have any additional questions regarding the project.





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## Private Utility Activities

Private utility companies are relocating or updating their facilities in conjunction with the project. Each utility company is responsible for their respective work but are coordinating efforts with the City and project Contractor. The work summarized below is not the responsibility of the City or the City's Contractor. A summary of known or anticipated private utility work outside of the current roadway construction zone includes:

- **Xcel Power**
  - Installing new overhead power between Speedway Gas Station and Minikahda Ministorage
  - All overhead power work is anticipated to be complete by July 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Xcel Gas**
  - Installation of new gas facilities along the east side of Concord Street between Wentworth Avenue and Waterous Street.
  - Existing concrete walks and pavements necessary for access to business will be restored by Xcel Gas before roadway project improvements begin
  - Anticipate installing new gas facilities along the west side of Concord Street between Waterous Street and Bryant Avenue
- **Lumen / CenturyLink**
  - Removal of out-of-service overhead communication facilities between Wentworth Avenue and Davis Transmission
  - Anticipate transfer of overhead communication facilities onto Xcel Power's new pole locations from Fury Motors to Speedway
- **Comcast**
  - Comcast will be installing new overhead communication lines on the new Xcel Power poles between Wentworth Avenue and Waterous Street
  - A comcast communication line was damaged June 25<sup>th</sup> between Grand Avenue and Hardman Avenue. Service has been restored to surrounding businesses.





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## Other Construction Projects in the Area

- Highway 52 :: I-494 to Plato Boulevard (MnDOT)
  - Anticipated Construction :: Spring 2021 to Fall 2021
  - Project Website:: [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy52-stpaul-invergrovehts/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy52-stpaul-invergrovehts/)
- Highway 156 (Concord Street) :: Annapolis Street to Highway 52 (MnDOT)
  - Anticipated Construction :: August 2021 through July 2022
- Site Development :: Concord Street / 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Private)
- Site Development :: Concord Exchange / Grand Avenue (Private)

