

Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue Improvements project

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Construction on the Phase 2 of the Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue Improvements project is scheduled to begin in July 2025 and will be completed by the end of November 2026.

The entire project includes the following phases:

Phase 1: Cedar Lake Road (TH169 to Rhode Island Avenue)

- Construction completed in 2024

Phase 2: Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue

- Construction in 2025
 - Louisiana Avenue from Fire Station #2 to Wayzata Boulevard
- Construction in 2026
 - Louisiana Avenue from BNSF railroad to Fire Station #2
 - Cedar Lake Road from Rhode Island Avenue to Kentucky Avenue
- Construction of an underground stormwater treatment structure in Willow Park will be constructed in either 2025 or 2026 (date TBD).

Included in the scope of this project are the reconstruction and narrowing of the roadway, roundabout at the intersection of Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue, construction of new sidewalks, installation of a one-way cycle track on both sides of Cedar Lake Road, rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) and replacement of city utilities (water, storm and sanitary).

Schedule/ phasing

The project was awarded to Park Construction. The city is currently working with the contractor on start date, schedule and phasing plan. Once the schedule and phasing plan is determined, this information will be posted on the project's website: <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou>. This schedule may change over the summer as weather or constraints arise during construction. The best way to keep up-to-date on the project schedule is to sign up for the weekly email updates on the project website. These updates will provide you with details on work completed, work in progress and a two-week look ahead for planned work.

Although construction is scheduled to begin soon, you may not see significant construction activity in the right of way adjacent to your home until much later this summer. The contractor is required to break the project into phases so only portions of the street are under construction at the same time. Street work on one phase must be substantially completed before they are allowed to begin work on another phase.

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Don't live on Cedar Lake Road or Louisiana Ave?

You are receiving this newsletter because this project may affect how you access your neighborhood. This is the only mailed communication you will receive, so if you would like to stay informed, please sign up for weekly updates at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/construction-updates.

Private improvements in the right of way

Park Construction will be working in the public right of way. If you have private improvements such as underground sprinklers, electric wiring, perennial gardens or invisible fences within 15 feet of curb, it is likely that they are in the public right of way. Removal and reinstallation of these items are the responsibility of the property owner. If you have questions, contact the project coordinator.

Weather

Be aware that construction is highly weather dependent; rain can cause delays. Keep up-to-date on the schedule by signing up for email updates at <https://bit.ly/RedoCedarLou>. This webpage will have current information on the contractor's progress.

Buses and emergency services

Staff is in direct contact with the school district, Metro Transit, police, fire and ambulance services and will be communicating with them for the duration of the project. The Metro Transit bus routes on Louisiana Avenue will be detoured. See metrotransit.org for more information.

New concrete

When new concrete is placed at your driveway, sidewalk or cycle track, there will be a seven-day "cure" period. During this time, you will **not** be able to drive on the new concrete. Notices will be sent to affected properties in advance of the concrete installation.

Access

We realize that construction activities can be an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience while the project is being completed.



Underground utility construction

The contractor has been directed to provide you with access to your property at the end of each workday. However, access to and from your property during normal working hours may be affected, requiring alternate routes or other accommodations.

If you have special access needs, contact the project coordinator. In most instances, we are able to meet your particular needs.

Garbage, recycling, organics, mail and deliveries

City staff and the contractor will work closely with the various providers that service your neighborhood. Please make sure to set out your garbage, recycling and organics carts, as well as personal carts or bags of yard waste, for collection by 7 a.m. on your collection day, even if they are usually collected later in the day. Crews may need to adjust the usual time that they collect materials in your area throughout the construction project. If you have questions or concerns regarding special services or deliveries, contact the project coordinator.

Watermain

Some segments of Cedar Lake Road and Louisiana Avenue are scheduled for watermain replacement. When the watermain is replaced, the first thing that the contractor will do is install a temporary watermain to serve your home. Your water service during this time will be above ground. Please take care when cutting your grass to not run over this temporary service. Once the temporary watermain is put in service, the contractor will start construction on the new watermain. Street segments with watermain replacement take longer to complete. In addition, water could be temporarily unavailable at times. Notices to effected properties will be provided when this occurs.

Survey markers

In order to perform the project construction, engineers place a series of survey markers (wooden stakes) for the contractor to measure from. Typically, these markers are offset several feet from the object or point they refer to so that they are not disturbed during the construction process. As a result, these offset markers are often placed well into the boulevard. If you have questions about a stake in your yard, give the project coordinator a call.

Private utility providers

Private utilities, such as telephone, gas and electric companies, will also be working on their infrastructure. For specific information about their activities, it is often best to contact the provider directly.

Contact the following for utility outages:

- CenterPoint Energy: To report a suspected natural gas leak, immediately leave, go to a safe location, **call 911** and then call their natural gas leak emergency hotline at 612.372.5050 or 800.296.9815. Website: www.centerpointenergy.com.
- Xcel Energy: To report a power outage, call 1.800.895.1999 or go online to www.xcelenergy.com.
- CenturyLink: To report an internet outage call 1.877.348.9005; to report a telephone outage call 1.877.348.9007; or report both online at www.centurylink.com.
- Comcast: Call 1.800.934.6489 or online at www.xfinity.com.
- USI: Call 612.444.1888 or go online to www.usinternet.com/support.

Utility flags

To protect against underground utility damage, the contractor will be calling in utility locates. This is required for anyone digging a hole, whether it is to plant a tree or rebuild a street. The city, Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy, Comcast and CenturyLink will locate their underground utilities by spray painting marks on the ground and placing flags in the boulevard. Do not remove these flags.

Contact us

If you have questions or concerns, contact the engineering department at 952.924.2656, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

After hours

If an issue arises outside of regular business hours, call the city's non-emergency dispatcher at 952.924.2618. They will contact the appropriate on-call project staff.

Stay informed

Throughout the project, we will keep you informed by email, website and direct mailings.

To receive email updates on this and other construction projects happening in St. Louis Park, sign up at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/construction-updates

Enter your email and you will be directed to a list of available project email notification choices.

Safety

Your help in maintaining a safe work environment is important. The noise and activity during construction can make it difficult for workers to watch for onlookers. Heavy equipment operators must concentrate on the job at hand and may not notice activity near or behind their equipment. Keep a safe distance and use caution while traveling through the construction area. Be alert for moving equipment, holes, trenches and other hazards in the work zone.

REMEMBER: IF YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, THEY CAN'T SEE YOU.

We know children are often very interested in construction and construction equipment. We want them to be safe. Remind children to stay clear of the construction area and equipment during working and non-working hours.

