

2025 Street Improvements St. Joseph, Minnesota

Project Update



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Hello and welcome to the *2025 Street Improvements Project Update*. In this and upcoming issues of the Update, we will be updating you on the project status.

The project team consists of the City of St. Joseph, SEH, and Knife River Corporation – North Central. SEH is the civil engineering firm that serves as City Engineer for the City of St. Joseph and will serve as the contact between the Contractors and residents.

We hope to provide accurate answers to your questions and concerns in a timely manner. However, when more than one team member needs to be consulted, it may take a little longer to provide you with accurate and up-to-date information.

Jerry Siegfried, SEH Project Representative, will be on-site during construction to observe project progress and the Contractor's work. Jerry is the fastest link to problem solving because he communicates directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Jerry with any questions you may have. Jerry will be driving a White Chevy Silverado. If you are unable to reach Jerry in the field, please contact Bryce Johnson at the SEH Office at 320.229.4381.

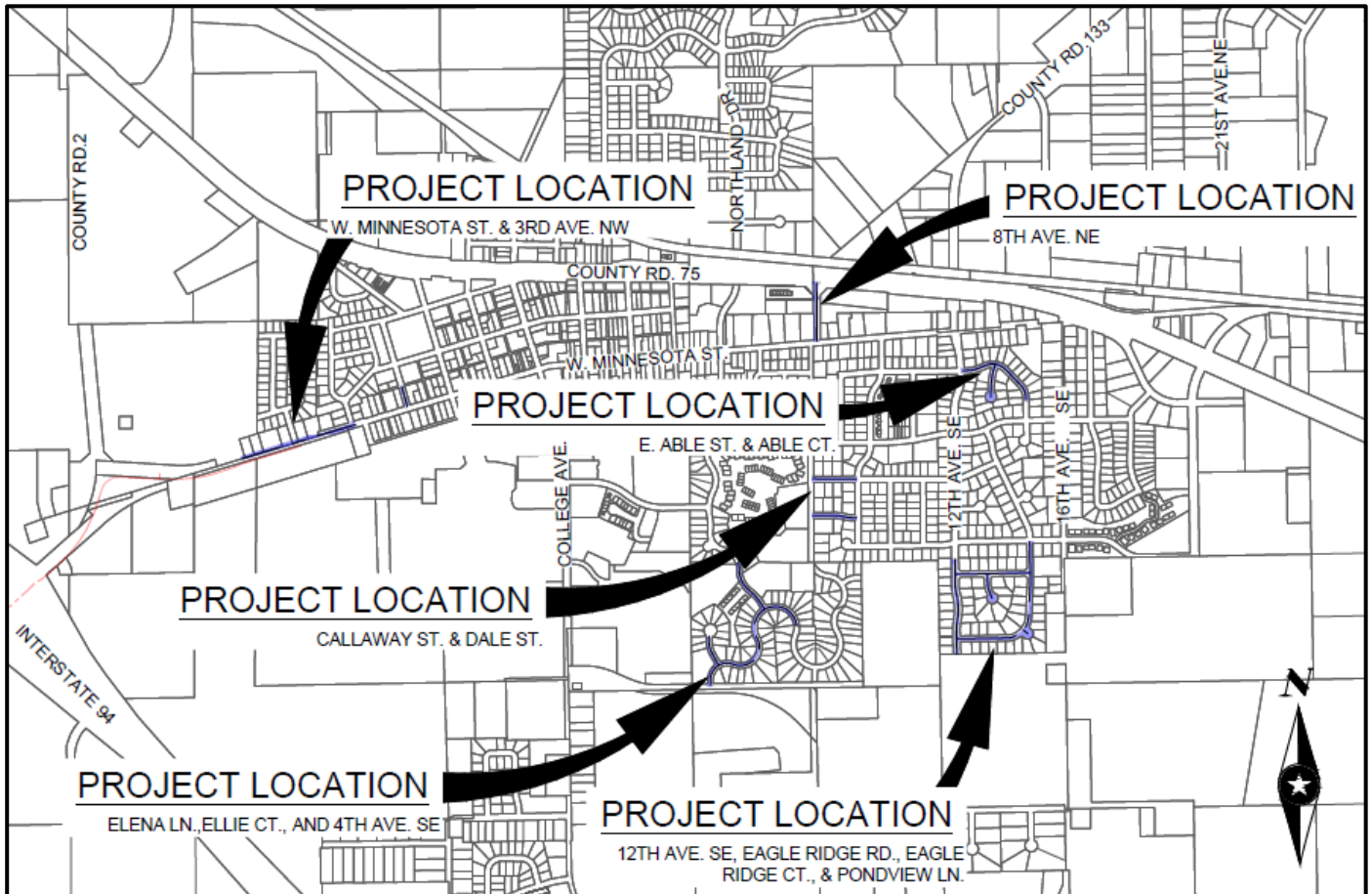
Project Status

The City of St. Joseph awarded the construction contract to Knife River Corporation – North Central. Knife River Corporation is the General Contractor who will be responsible for constructing the street improvements.

Initial construction will include equipment mobilization, traffic control set-up, and erosion control set-up. The Contractor has proposed the following schedule for the project locations:

- Concrete removals are proposed to begin **Thursday, September 18, 2025**
- Concrete curb and gutter installation is proposed to begin **Monday, September 22, 2025**.
- Pavement milling(grinding) is proposed to begin **Monday, September 29, 2025**.
- Paving Operations are proposed to begin **Thursday, October 2, 2025**.
- Minnesota Street work may not be completed until June 2026, depending on when Roundabout construction at CSAH 2/Minnesota Street is completed.
- Fog sealing on the West Minnesota Street/CSAH 2 trail section is proposed to begin **early October 2025**.

Project Location



Description of Project

The scope of work for each project area is as follows:

- The project scope consists of milling(grinding) an 8-foot wide area of pavement adjacent to the curb and gutter and then installing a new layer of bituminous surfacing. This process allows the City to leave most roadway material in place; both increasing the structural capacity of the street section and expediting the construction process by minimizing material hauling. Because this construction method raises the profile of the street, shouldering material will be placed alongside new bituminous surfacing(where curb and gutter does not exist i.e. Minnesota Street) and a section of abutting driveways may need to be replaced.
- Prior to paving, deteriorating curb and gutter will be replaced as necessary.
- Pedestrian ramp improvements will be constructed where sidewalk/trail exists at street intersections.
- The bituminous trail along West Minnesota Street and CSAH 2 will have a fog seal performed, this consists of spraying a heated petroleum liquid on the trail. This process fills small voids and cracks, and seals the top of the bituminous surfacing, giving enhanced protection from weather and pedestrian use, as well as improved rideability.

**URGENT!
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
NEEDED**

Special Information

It is very important that anyone with special needs or disabilities contact us as soon as possible. We are in the process of working with emergency response organizations to locate any residences that may have a special need, so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific residence(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Jerry Siegfried with SEH at 320.980.4107.

**Preservation of
Construction Stakes and
Utility Flags....We need
your help!**

Please do not remove any wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed on the boulevards. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents in your neighborhood.

Your help in keeping bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress safely.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What kind of activity can I expect during construction?*

A: Construction is tedious, and we understand it can get old quickly. At times, it may even seem like not much is getting done. Remember, patience is the biggest asset that each of you bring to the job. If you keep in mind the fact that this project will be completed, hopefully construction will seem to go faster for you!

In addition to the General Contractor, there will be several subcontractors working at various times on site. There may also be private utility companies (gas, cable television, telephone, and electric) on the site locating or moving existing lines. Please bear with us, the General Contractor has a fixed amount of time to get the work done, and we will be working with all parties involved to help see that this time commitment is met.

Q: *Who do I call if I have a question?*

A: Please call SEH's Project Representative, Jerry Siegfried, at 320.980.4107 if you have a question regarding the project.

Q: *What will happen to my **sprinkler system** or **pet containment system** during construction?*

A: Because the proposed improvements are primarily street resurfacing improvements, it is anticipated impacts to sprinklers or pet containment systems will be minimal. However, property owners on corners with a sidewalk, particularly, should be mindful of the following. Property owners who have a sprinkler system or pet containment system in the right-of-way and next to the edge of curb and gutter, the edge of the roadway, or the sidewalk are encouraged to contact Jerry Siegfried at 320.980.4107 to inquire on potential impacts. It may be necessary for you to temporarily remove a portion of your sprinkler or pet containment system within the public right-of-way or public easement area. The sprinkler distribution pipes should be exposed and pulled up to the property line so they are visible to the Contractor. Since the sprinkler heads are often the most expensive component of the system, consider removing them from the distribution pipes. Apply duct tape to the end of the pipes to keep out dirt and debris. **The City and Contractor will not be liable for damage to sprinkler systems that are installed within the public right-of-way.** Residents should reinstall the systems after the turf restoration work is complete and are encouraged to water the newly seeded turf like established grass. Homeowners are also encouraged to mow new turf as **High** as possible to establish roots and choke out weeds.

Q: *What if I want to reconstruct my private driveway?*

A: The general contractor does not wish to perform private driveway construction in conjunction with this project. Property owners will need to make arrangements with another contractor if they would like their driveway replaced in conjunction with this project. If you proceed with driveway replacement, we ask that you alert our project representative, Jerry Siegfried, so proper coordination of the City's contractors can occur. Please note, there is no obligation on the City's contractor to perform any private reconstruction.

Special Events

If you are planning a special event, such as a family reunion or have commercial deliveries, please notify the SEH Construction Observer. Please provide as much advance notice of the event as possible, ideally a week. We will forward your information to the Contractor in an effort to accommodate your access needs as best as possible.

Construction Zone

Barricade and road closure signs may be installed throughout the project area to protect motorists during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs! "Road Closed" signs are used where the road is impassable and closed to all traffic except for the Contractor's equipment or officially authorized vehicles. "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs are used where through traffic must detour to avoid a closure some distance beyond the sign, but where local traffic can move up to the point of closure. In this instance, local traffic would be defined as residential traffic from the particular street under construction.

There will also be brief times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited, particularly when fresh, hot bituminous is being constructed. Access to your property is important to us, and Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

As the Contractor's operations move during the course of construction, you may observe that signs and barricades move as well. We understand this may be frustrating! Please allow extra time in your schedule as you drive through the construction zone. Please advise your family and guests to exercise caution and safe driving speeds. Be sure workers and heavy equipment operators see you before driving around them.

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