

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How was this project initiated?

A: On June 21, 2021, the Minnetrista City Council plans to authorize preparation of a Feasibility Report for the 2022 Street Improvement Project, City Project 02-22.

Q: What work is proposed?

A: The City of Minnetrista is working to provide residents with a safer, smoother, and structurally sound roadway. Although an inconvenience to our daily routines, construction is necessary to ensure that motorists are provided with safe and functional roads.

The 2022 Street Improvement Project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan, which proposes specific areas for reconstruction based on field review and City recommendations.

The 2022 Street Improvement Project includes improvements to Jennings Cove Road, East Cove Lane, West Cove Lane, Upper Cove Road and Cove Circle.

The street pavement will be removed and repaved to their existing width and geometry. Concrete curb will be evaluated and structurally deficient curb will be replaced. Minor utility work will occur to improve the condition of underground utilities.

Q: When will this project occur?

A: Construction is anticipated to take place between June and October of 2022 for improvements proposed. More detailed schedule information will be made available to residents as the project moves through design and into construction.

Q: How much is this project going to cost me?

A: Financing for the 2022 Street Improvement Project will come from City funds and special assessments to benefiting properties. The current assessment rate for reclamation projects on existing streets is 50% of the street and drainage improvement cost for residential properties. Preliminary cost estimates for construction and preliminary assessment amounts will be provided in the feasibility report. A range based on the preliminary budget number will be provided at the neighborhood meeting.

Q: Will I always have access to my driveway?

A: Residents will have access to their driveways for the majority of the construction project. There may be short periods during the day where a resident may not have access to his/her driveway due to roadway or utility construction. Property owners will be provided as much advance notification as possible when access to driveways will be restricted. During these times, which will be minimized to the greatest extent possible, on-street parking will be available to residents in lieu of driveway access.

Q: Can entire driveways be replaced as part of the project?

A: Only the portion of driveway that is impacted by the street reclamation will be replaced with in-kind materials. The City will make the information available to help you contact the contractor directly if you would like to replace your entire driveway, but it will not be included in the project contract. Full driveway replacement outside of the project contract is not assessable. If you wish to have your driveway fully paved, you will need to work out a separate agreement with the Contractor directly and pay for it separately.

Q: Where will I be able to pick up my mail? How will garbage service be affected?

A: Residents will be notified at the start of construction if removal of their mailbox is necessary to complete the work. If so, the contractor will install temporary mailboxes as determined by the Post Office and residents will be notified of their location. The existing mailbox will be salvaged until after construction and reinstalled in a similar location.

Trash pickup in the neighborhood will take place on the same day it currently occurs. The contractor will provide access to the neighborhood to garbage trucks for pickup, or coordinate with the disposal service providers during the occasional exception throughout the project to minimize inconvenience to the residents.

Q: How will the school bus pick up my children?

A: The City will coordinate with the bus company to determine if an alternate pick-up location is required during construction. If a new location is required, the affected residents will be notified in advance.

Q: Will the contractor work in front of my house on weekends?

A: The City of Minnetrista has specified the following work hours:

Monday – Friday	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
No work on Sundays or Holidays	

Q: Will the areas of my lawn that are disturbed be replaced?

A: Sections of maintained lawn that need to be removed for construction will be restored with new sod at the end of the project. The contractor is responsible for maintaining these areas until the seed germinates and grows to four inches, after which it is the homeowner's responsibility. Please do not mow new turf with the rest of your lawn as this will damage it and void the contractor's warranty.

Q: How are landscaping features and lawn irrigation systems dealt with during construction?

A: The contractor will work to protect most items such as small retaining walls, landscape features, or irrigation systems found in the homeowner's yard. For underground items such as invisible pet fences and irrigation lines within the City right-of-way, all homeowners are responsible to mark them so that the contractor can work around them and protect them as much as possible from damage. If you have any landscaping or underground items that you would like to save and reinstall yourself following construction, please plan to remove these items from the right-of-way.

Q: How are special deliveries, weddings, graduations, garage sales, etc. to be addressed during construction?

A: If you are anticipating a special delivery, open house, or any other activity during the summer construction schedule, please notify the onsite project representative of the time and date in which this will occur. The contractor and project staff will do their best to provide access and/or on street parking as necessary.