



**Office of the
City Engineer**

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RE: Milwaukee Avenue Improvements – Phase II
(9th to 13th)

The Common Council has awarded a contract for Phase II of the Milwaukee Avenue Improvements to EK Construction, LLC. Phase II includes replacement of concrete from back of curb to buildings, including a 5 ft. wide sidewalk zone and 5 ft. wide jointed terrace area with tree planters. Based on the pending completion of Phase I, COVID-19 business restrictions, and to continue progress with the project, work will start May 15th with removals between 9th and 10th on the south side of Milwaukee Avenue.

With multiple steps required for this phase, completion will take 2 to 3 months. The contractor and City will maintain pedestrian access to buildings as much as possible. Locations and order of work may vary to accommodate business openings, special events or private construction.

As work proceeds, parking on Milwaukee Avenue will not be allowed at times. Please check our website for updated information as schedules are confirmed and alternative parking options. <https://smwi.org/2019-milwaukee-ave-streetscaping-project>.

All private planters, signs, or other items between the back of the curb and buildings must be removed during construction. Fluted planters donated to adjacent business will be removed, but not reinstalled. Private planters along the Avenue should NOT be planted this spring since they will be temporarily or permanently removed.

It is anticipated that new amenities (such as planters, benches or bike racks) will be ordered later this year and placed in early 2021. Further information will be provided to property owners.

The City (or its contractor) will remove and relocate (or dispose) of the items if still located in the public right-of-way when work starts, and will not be liable for replacement or damage of items.

Prior to the start of work near buildings, all existing conditions will be photo documented. Street tree locations will be marked with a "T" on the curb for informational purposes. Based on the layout of street lights, parking stalls and other improvements, modification of tree locations will not be considered.

As always, please email or call if you have questions about the project.

Sincerely,

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