Garfield Avenue (Fulton Street to Second Street) and California Street and Veto Street (Garfield Avenue to Valley Avenue)
Road Design and Construction

A street reconstruction project is coming to your neighborhood next year on the streets above. We are writing to share the new street design. We invite you to contact us at the number or e-mail address below with any questions or concerns.

Prior to the start of the project, we’ll send out another mailer to share construction preparation information. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the project.

Survey
Please take our quick project survey to share your thoughts on the proposed improvements as well as inform us about any flooding, water pressure, or sanitary sewer backup issues. To take the survey, you can:

1. Visit gr.publicinput.com and search for “Garfield”
2. Text “Garfield road construction” to 73224
3. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera
4. Call 311 or 616-456-3000

Tentative Construction Schedule
Spring 2022

Concept Design
Streets account for the biggest percentage of public space in our City and construction presents an opportunity to change a street’s design to serve all users.

This project will keep the current street design and width on Garfield Avenue (Fulton Street to Lake Michigan Drive).

Between Lake Michigan Drive and Bridge Street the project will narrow Garfield Avenue by 2 feet to make a consistent road width. Parking will be maintained on both sides of the street.

Between Bridge Street and Second Street the project will change curbs at intersections and change pavement markings to provide bicycle lanes on both sides of the street, one in each direction. A single one-way northbound lane will be maintained. Garfield Avenue (Bridge to Second) will not be reconstructed.

Veto Street and California Street (Valley Avenue to Garfield Avenue) will keep its current street design and width.

The project will also:

• Remove and replace asphalt pavement, curb, gutter, and driveway approaches on Garfield Avenue (Fulton Street to Bridge Street) and on Veto Street and California Street (Valley Avenue to Garfield Avenue).
• Place new water main and replace lead water services with new copper water services into properties along Garfield Avenue (Fulton Street to Bridge Street) and Veto Street and California Street (Valley Avenue to Garfield Avenue).
• Install curb extensions at intersections to shorten the pedestrian crossings, better define the parking lanes, and provide room for raingardens.
• Upgrade existing sidewalk where necessary and upgrade curb ramps to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards.
• Install a midblock pedestrian crossing on Garfield Avenue between Jackson Street and Bridge Street to improve safety for people walking to the park.
• Remove the on-street parking lane from the west side of Garfield Avenue between Bridge Street and First Street and maintain parking on the east side of the street.
• Remove on-street parking from Garfield Avenue under the I-196 Gerald R. Ford Freeway.
• Remove the on-street parking lane on the east side of Garfield Avenue from First Street (north of I-196) and Second Street and maintain the west side parking lane.
• Install bicycle lanes on both sides of the street, one in each direction, from Bridge Street to Second Street.
• Plant new street trees.

Business Guide
As we work to improve the street, we understand that businesses are sensitive to construction. For this reason, we’ve created a guide containing information for businesses during construction. Please find this guide on our website or contact us to have a copy sent to you.