



Valley Ave NW (Fulton St to Bridge St) Reconstruction

«AddressBlock»

The City of Grand Rapids will reconstruct the street listed above this construction season. You are invited to a meeting to learn more about the work to be completed, the schedule, and access during construction. You received this letter because you are within 350 feet of the project.

Virtual Construction Preparation Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 6 to 7 p.m.

We recommend using a computer or smartphone to join this meeting if you are able. You may call the number below to join the meeting via phone only, but you will not be able to see the presentation.

To register for this meeting:

1. Visit grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction and search for *Valley*.
2. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera.

To join via a telephone (audio only):

1. Please call: 1-616-258-6791
2. When requested, enter the access code *138 956 692#*

Construction Information

Street Reconstruction

The project will:

- Reconstruct the street, curb, and gutter, including:
 - Installing curb extensions at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossings, better define the parking lanes, make room for rain gardens, and help slow traffic speeds.
 - Narrowing Valley Avenue from Sibley Street to Bridge Street by 1 foot on each side to create a consistent road width.
 - Upgrade sidewalks and ramps to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Maintain parking on both sides of the streets.
- Plant 53 new street trees.

Access, Parking, and Detour Route

- The street will be closed to through traffic with resident and emergency vehicle access maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the street during construction hours.
- The detour will use Garfield Avenue.
- Contractors will need to get into the Bridge Street and Fulton Street intersections for a couple of weeks to complete the work.

Contact Information

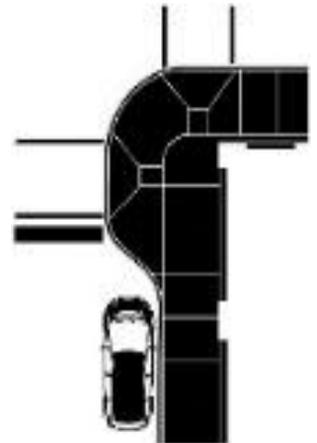
311 or 616-456-3000

communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

Tentative Construction Schedule

Phase 1 – Valley (Lake Michigan Drive to Bridge)
April 7 – July 2025

Phase 2 – Valley (Fulton to Lake Michigan Drive)
July – September 2025



Curb Extension Example

Driveways and Sidewalks

- Some driveway approaches and sidewalk will be replaced. Affected residents and businesses will not have access to their driveways for 5-7 days while the work is completed and the concrete cures. The contractor will coordinate with those affected in advance.
- The contractor will work with affected businesses to maintain driveway access as best possible. This may include replacing half of the driveway approach at a time.
- Driveway access may not be available when road work is directly in front of a driveway.

Parkways and Street Trees

- Sidewalk, curb, and drive approach work may disturb the parkway (the area between the curb and sidewalk). Should this happen, the area will be restored with grass. Please water these areas after the project is done to help the grass establish.
- If there are plants, landscaping, etc. in the parkway you want to save, please move them prior to the start of construction.
- If you have a sprinkler system, please mark the sprinkler heads with flags, sticks, or spray paint. Sprinklers broken during construction will be repaired.
- Some street trees will be removed as they will be impacted by construction. This work will happen before April 14.
- The project will plant 47 new street trees.

Water Main

- The water main, which provides water to properties along the street, will be replaced.
- Lead water service lines that carry water from the main into residences must be replaced as required by the State of Michigan. If the lead water service line has already been replaced in the past, this does not apply to you. If your residence still has a lead water service line, the City's Water System and plumbing contractor will contact you if they have not already. To give us permission to replace the lead line, the property owner should sign an Agreement (available at grcity.us/LeadAgreement). If you have questions, please contact the Water System at leadfreewater@grcity.us.
- The plumbing contractor and the Water System will need a few hours in your basement. They will bore a new water pipe underground with minimal disruption to your yard. The contractor will repair any damage caused in the basement and yard. After your lead line is replaced, you may experience a temporary increase in lead levels in your drinking water. The Water System or contractor will provide flushing instructions to help minimize your risk. Flushing instructions can also be found at grcity.us/water.
- Typically, there will be two water shutdowns: once when the new main is placed in service (4 to 8 hours long) and another to connect individual water services for each property to the new main (2 to 4 hours long). There may be a third shut down to complete the final main switch. The contractor will provide notice 24 hours in advance.
- Occasionally, a water main may accidentally break during construction. If this should happen, you may not be notified, but repairs will be made as quickly as possible to restore your service.
- Following a water shutdown, calcified deposits may be dislodged by water pressure once the system is turned back on. Please run outside faucets first and then the faucets in all sinks to clear the lines. If some faucets are running slowly, it may be necessary to check the screens and clean off any debris.

Storm Sewer

The street's storm sewer system, which handles stormwater, will be upgraded. Stormwater is rainwater or water from melting snow or ice. The stormwater system includes catch basins (the grates found periodically along curbs) that collect the water from the street and carry it into a main line.

Other Items

- Recycling and refuse service will be maintained but bins must be placed in their normal spots the night before collection day. Failing to do so may result in a missed collection. If needed, the contractor will move the bins to where they can be emptied and return them.
- Access for mail and other delivery services will be maintained.
- Typical construction hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Occasionally, work may be done on Sunday. Work hours are dependent on weather and the contractor's schedule.

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 get a hard copy.

Persons needing accommodations for effective meeting participation should contact Community Engagement no later than one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, interpretive, or other assistance.



