



Leonard St NW (Powers to Alpine) 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.

Construction Preparation Meetings

We are hosting two construction preparation meetings, one for businesses and one for community members. However, you may attend either meeting.

In-Person Construction Preparation Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, February 24, 2025, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Location: West Grand Neighborhood Organization
754 Leonard St NW #2,
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Virtual Construction Preparation Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, February 24, 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 *Leonard*.
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 *104 443 097#*



Tentative Construction Schedule

*Phase 1 – North half of Leonard St (Powers to Alpine). Eastbound traffic will be maintained.
March – June 2024*

*Phase 2 – South half of Leonard St (Powers to Alpine). Westbound traffic will be maintained.
June – August 2024*

Construction Information

Street Reconstruction

On Leonard from Powers to Alpine, the project will:

- Remove and replace the existing road surface.
- Move curbs on both sides of the street to narrow the street and widen the sidewalks, including:
 - Install curb extensions at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossings, better define the parking lane, make room for rain gardens, and help slow traffic speeds.
 - Replace all driveway approaches.

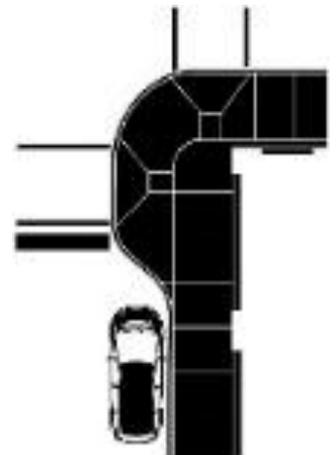
Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

After-Hours Emergency Number

616-456-3249



Curb Extension Example

- Install curb ramps that meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Install brick pavers, a form of green infrastructure, within the sidewalk to collect and process stormwater. Stormwater is rainwater or water from melting ice and snow.
- Plant approximately 31 new street trees.
- Replace the existing street lighting system and install new fiberglass poles and LED lights.
- Install underground piping to install a future rapid flashing beacon at Fremont Avenue.

On Leonard from Powers to Tamarack, the project will:

- Maintain the parking lane on the south side of the street.
- Replace the parking lane on the north side of the street with wider sidewalk on both sides of the street.

On Leonard from Tamarack to Alpine, the project will:

- Maintain the parking lane on the north side of the street from Tamarack to Alpine.
- Replace the parking lane on the south side of the street with wider sidewalks on both sides of the street from Tamarack to Alpine.
- Install inset parking in front of 842 Leonard because the property has no off-street parking.
- Provide a loading zone in front of 900 Leonard to accommodate deliveries, move-ins/outs, ride-hailing services (Uber & Lyft), etc.

Access, Parking, Detour Route and Bus Service

- Contractors will reconstruct one half of the street at a time. One direction of traffic will be maintained.
- Access to businesses will be maintained.
- No parking will be allowed on the street during construction hours.
- The detour will use Bristol, Richmond, and Alpine.
- This work will impact bus service. For the most up to date route information please call 616-776-1100 or visit ridetherapid.org/schedules-maps/alerts-detours.

Driveways and Sidewalks

- All 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.

Water Main

The water main, which provides water to properties along the street, will be shut down to relocate hydrants. These shutdowns will be scheduled in advance with notice being given to all affected residents and businesses.

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 may be removed as they would be impacted by the construction.
- New street trees will be planted.

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.