



State Street SE (Lafayette Avenue to Madison Avenue) Road Design and Construction

A street reconstruction project is coming to your neighborhood next year on the street above. We invite you to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about the proposed street design.

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.

Virtual Concept Design Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 5:30 to 6:30 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 to the meeting via phone only, but you will not be able to see the presentation.

To join on a computer or smartphone:

1. Please visit cityofgr.webex.com
2. When prompted, enter the event number 2335 930 6457 and password *vitalstreets*.

To join via a telephone (audio only):

1. Please call: 1-408-418-9388
2. When prompted, enter the access code 2335 930 6457.

Survey

Please take our quick project survey to share your thoughts on the proposed design 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 "State"
2. Text "State" to 73224
3. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera
4. Call 311 or 616-456-3000



Contact Information

311 or 616-456-3000

communityengagement@grcity.us
grandrapidsmi.gov/roadconstruction

Tentative Construction Schedule

Spring 2023

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.

The design described below was decided upon based on the input received through our community online survey and the guidance and recommendations in the City's Vital Streets Plan, Bicycle Action Plan, and State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan.

The project will:

- Place new water main.
- Reconstruct the street, curb, and gutter, including:
 - Replacing the brick.
 - Installing curb extensions at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossings, better define the parking lane, and help slow traffic speeds.
- Upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards.
- Maintain the on-street parking lane on the south side of the street and remove the parking lane on the north side.
- Install bicycle lanes on both sides of the street to connect to the existing bicycle lanes on State Street and Jefferson Avenue to the west and Cherry Street to the east.

- Plant new street trees.
- Install public bicycle parking.

Decorative Streetlights Special Assessment Policy

The State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan recommends installing decorative streetlights. Per City Commission policy, if decorative streetlights are desired, it could be special assessed to property owners along the street.

The amount that property owners would be assessed is determined by multiplying the width of their property (front footage) times the front foot rate. The property owners may pay the full amount or can request that they be billed once per year for ten years with interest on the remaining unpaid principle. The City prepared an estimate to install decorative streetlights if desired by property owners, the cost would be approximately \$234 per front foot.

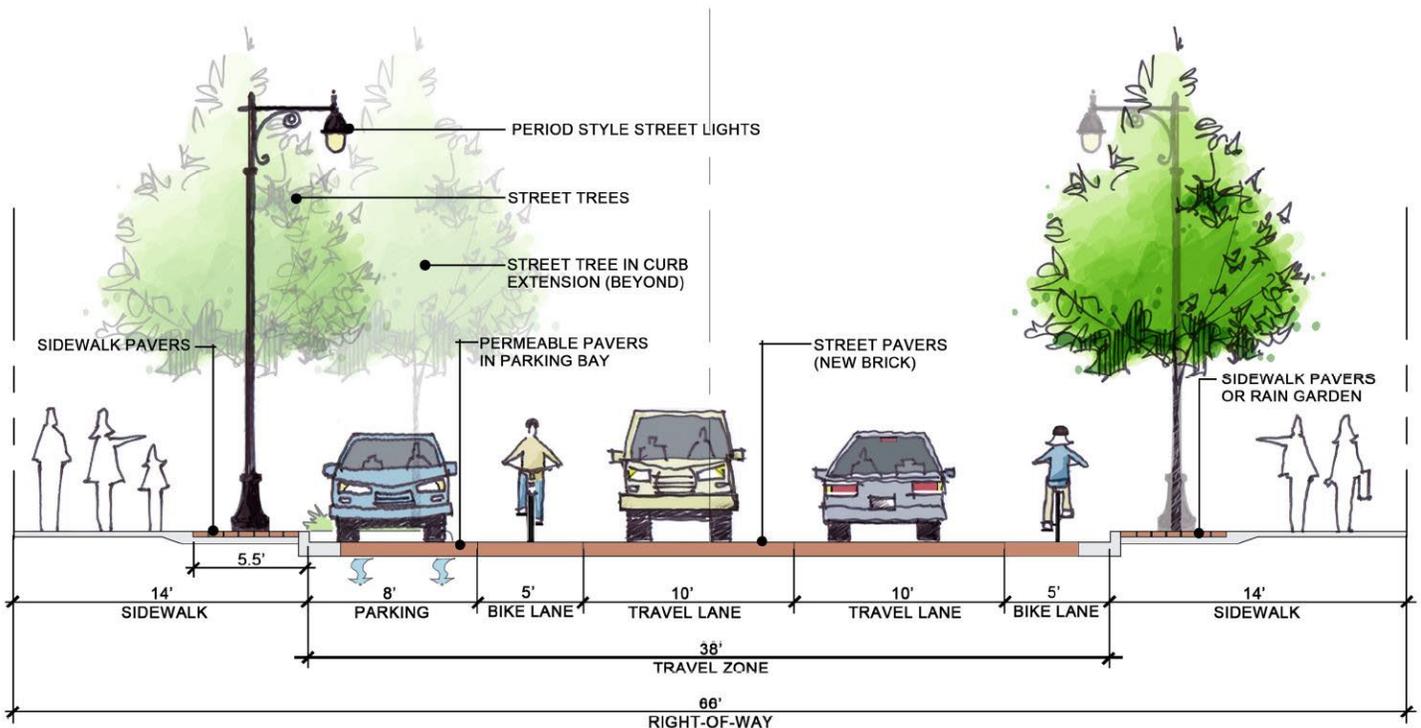
All property owners within the special assessment district would be provided ballots to vote on the installation of decorative streetlights as well as notice of a Public Hearing of Necessity. This hearing allows the property owners an opportunity to voice their opinions concerning the improvements (for or against) to the City Commission.

We will discuss this process further at the Virtual Concept Design meeting on Wednesday, July 27 from 5:30-6:30pm.

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.

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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.