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Central Corridor LRT work begins in March on University Avenue: Emerald to Hamline

What to Expect from 2011 Construction

Updated August 2011

Finished Product

LRT tracks and stations

New sidewalks

New curbs and gutter

New street surface

New landscaping



Work in Progress

One through lane of traffic
each way on University
Avenue

Alternate vehicle access to
buildings

Temporary sidewalks,
ramps over construction

Pavement restored within
150 days, sidewalks within
15 days

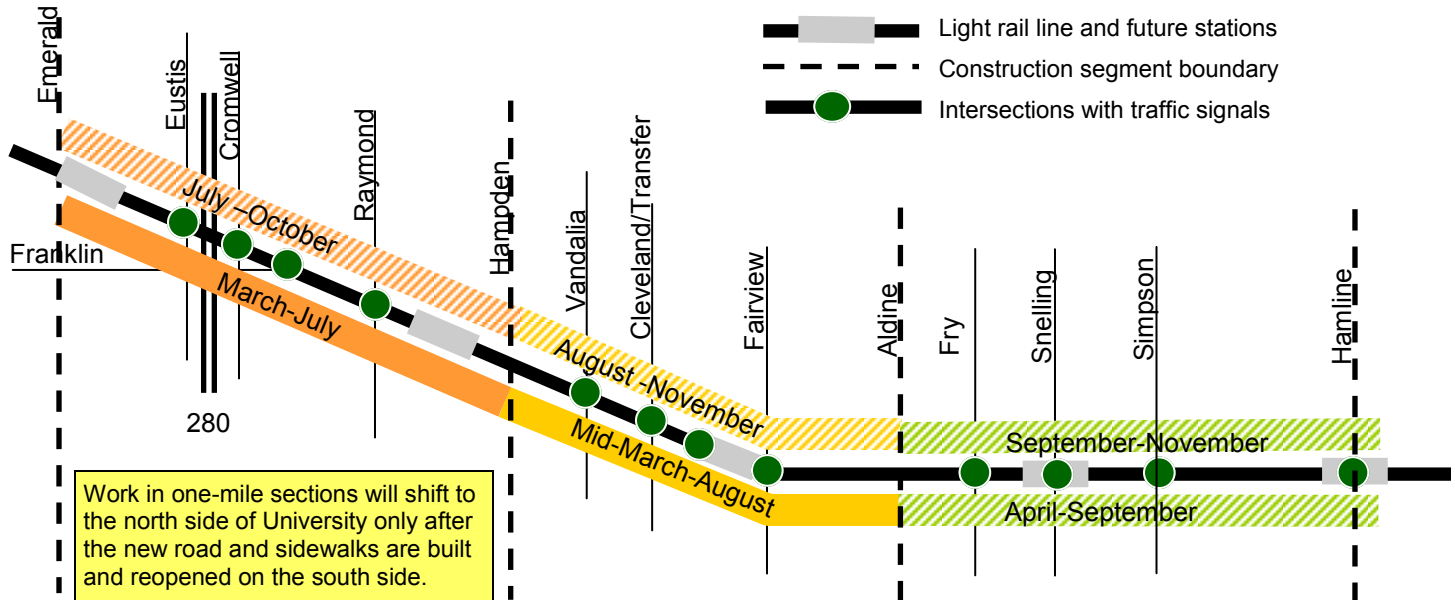


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What to Expect from 2011 Construction

- Heavy construction started in March on the south side of University at Emerald and progress eastward in approximately one-mile sections to just east of Hamline.
- Work in the one-mile sections will shift to the north side of University only after the new road and sidewalks are built and reopened on the south; project staff will provide notification prior to shifting traffic lanes.
- When work is done on the north side, two lanes of traffic will be restored in each direction with work continuing in the middle of the road on track, guideway and stations through 2012.
- Snelling Avenue will be open during the State Fair.

Planned Construction Schedule by One-Mile Sections



1. Traffic control measures, including barricades, signage, temporary traffic signalization and temporary accesses will be installed. Left turns across University will be restricted to 11 signalized crossings.
2. Partial removal of the street surface (on one side of the street at a time), sidewalks, curbs, gutters, median, trees and other vegetation. At least four feet of sidewalk width will be maintained, except when the existing or new sidewalk is being constructed.
3. Relocation of public and private utilities, such as water, storm and sanitary sewers and electrical and phone lines.
4. Excavation for the track guideway and stations; station foundation work.
5. Removal of remainder of curbs and other half of sidewalks and construction of new sidewalks. Contractor is required to provide alternate pedestrian access via ramps and temporary walkways over construction and to restore the sidewalk within 15 days of removal.
6. Reinstallation of curbs, gutters, medians and trees.
7. Asphalt paving of street.
8. Traffic switch to newly paved south side of University so crews can work on the north side of the street, repeat steps 1-7.
9. Construction of guideway and stations and welding of embedded track in the middle of the street.

Construction Will Be Staged to Maintain Traffic and Pedestrian Access

Crews will stage construction to maintain one lane of through traffic in each direction on University Avenue. The contractor is required to restore the roadway within 150 days after the pavement is removed. During this time, traffic and pedestrian access will be maintained to businesses and properties. At least four feet of sidewalk will be maintained, except when the new sidewalk is being constructed. Construction and outreach staff will meet with each building to discuss access plans and timing of sidewalk replacement. During sidewalk replacement businesses should anticipate intermittent driveway and sidewalk closures as crews remove the old and pour the new sidewalk, install temporary pedestrian walkways and move construction equipment

Stage 1: Work starts on south two-thirds of University. One lane of traffic maintained in each direction on the north side of University with a common left turn lane in the center. Roadway restored within 150 days.



Stage 2: Work shifts to north two-thirds of University. One lane of traffic maintained in each direction on the newly restored road on the south side of University. Pavement restored within 150 days.



Stage 3: Two lanes of traffic restored in each direction. Work continues on guideway, track and stations in the middle of University through November 2011. There will be intermittent lane closures for In 2012, crews return to complete station and tracks and install overhead wires and communication systems.



Schedules subject to changes due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances! Weekly online construction updates at www.centralcorridor.org provide schedule updates and changes.

24-hour hotline 651-602-1404

Contacts and More Information

Community outreach coordinators for the Central Corridor LRT Project are liaisons between the public and contractors. For questions or concerns about 2011 construction activities on the western Saint Paul portion of University Avenue, contact outreach coordinators:



- Rita Rodriguez, 651-602-1805, rita.rodriquez@metc.state.mn.us
- Michelle Webb, 651-602-1485 michelle.webb@metc.state.mn.us
- Construction hotline at 651-602-1404

To stay informed ahead of the construction work:

- Get email updates every Friday on road, sidewalk and crosswalk detours and relocated bus stops for the coming week. To sign up, fill in your email address in the yellow box at the top right of the www.centralcorridor.org homepage.
- Attend regular meetings for businesses and residents in the construction zone. To receive meeting notices, contact outreach coordinator Rita Rodriguez at rita.rodriquez@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1805 or the general project email address at centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us

To get business assistance:

- Contact the Business Resources Collaborative at www.readyforrail.net

For non-construction related questions, contact City of Saint Paul staff:

- **Land-Use**
Christina Morrison, Planner, (651) 266-6546, christina.morrison@ci.stpaul.mn.us
- **Parking**
Craig Blakely, Senior planner, (651) 266-6697, craig.blakely@ci.stpaul.mn.us
- **Public Works**
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Please don't go around barriers into construction zones. Construction hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, but crews will be allowed to work from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week if needed.

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About the project: The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project will link downtown Saint Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the state Capitol and the University of Minnesota. Construction began in late summer 2010 on the planned 11-mile Central Corridor line, and service will begin in 2014. The line will connect with the Hiawatha LRT line at the Metrodome station in Minneapolis and the Northstar commuter rail line at the Target Field Station. The Metropolitan Council is the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Central Corridor Management Committee, which includes commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, provides advice and oversight. Funding is provided by the Federal Transit Administration, Counties Transit Improvement Board, state of Minnesota, Ramsey and Hennepin counties' regional railroad authorities, city of Saint Paul, Metropolitan Council and the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative. For details, visit www.centralcorridor.org