

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Re: 2026 Emerson Avenue Reconstruction – Delaware to Charlton**  
**Re: 2026 Emerson Avenue Mill & Overlay – Charlton to Oakdale**

Dear Resident or Property Owner:

The City of West St. Paul has contracted with Veit USA for the construction of Emerson Avenue from Delaware Avenue to Oakdale Avenue. As part of this project, a sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Emerson Ave. from Delaware Ave. to Robert St., and on the north side of Emerson Ave. from Robert St. to Oakdale Ave. More project details can be found on the website listed at the end of this letter.

Tree removals will be the first construction activity to occur on-site due to environmental requirements. Trees to be removed will be marked with an “X” towards the middle to end of March. Removal of these trees are planned to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Trees being removed are planned to be replaced 1:1 in the fall, but in some instances, a replacement may not make sense in its current location. If you have any questions regarding this process, please reach out to city staff to discuss.

Removal of the street is expected to start in mid to late April. A more detailed plan will be submitted from Veit later next month outlining their schedule, and how they will phase the project. Veit’s schedule and plan will be highlighted on the Emerson Avenue Project website linked at the end of this letter. The project is scheduled for completion in October 2026.

During the course of the project, we will work with Veit to make sure the street is accessible for residents going to and from their property as much as possible. Driveway and street access may be impeded during the day, with some overnight driveway closures needed. Veit is to provide a notice to residents 24 hours or more in advance of driveway closures. Closures are needed during large excavations and concrete work.

You will eventually see stakes posted in front of your property laying out the construction limits. City right-of-way extends approximately 8-15 feet behind the back of the curb, depending on location. The city is not responsible for damage to private facilities located within the right-of-way. These include invisible fences, underground sprinkler systems, and/or landscaping. It is imperative that residents work to remove any of these items as the project starts up. If you are unsure if you will be impacted, please reach out to city staff. We are also available meet on-site and at your property.

While work is occurring on Emerson Avenue, please continue to roll your trash and recycling bins out behind the back of curb. If trash pickup is hindered, the contractor will move the bins to

a central location for pickup, and roll them back to your property as needed. If you want to make sure your specific bins get back to you, please label them with your address.

To stay connected during the construction project, the city has created a webpage for weekly updates at [wspmn.gov/Emerson](http://wspmn.gov/Emerson). Here, you can also sign up to have the weekly updates emailed or texted directly to you, which is highly encouraged.

Your safety and that of the workers is extremely important during this project. Please drive slowly through construction zones, and pay attention to the signage. We appreciate your patience while we make these improvements to Emerson Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please reach out to Kwadwo at **(651) 552-4167**, or by email at [koduro@wspmn.gov](mailto:koduro@wspmn.gov). If you are a resident with limited mobility, please get in touch to discuss accommodations that can be made during the course of the construction work.

Sincerely,

CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cody Joos", written in a cursive style.

Cody Joos  
Engineering Project Manager