



SAFE ACCESS

FOR EVERYONE IN MILWAUKIE

SE 22ND AVENUE AND RIVER ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction on the SE 22nd Avenue and River Road SAFE project is now well underway, and we want to thank you for your patience and cooperation while we complete this important project. We understand that the detours and construction activities have been challenging. We are committed to providing neighbors with the latest project updates and will continue to work efficiently to complete the project on time, safely and with as few disruptions as possible.

Keeping you Informed

We have received a number of questions and comments about the construction activities. To keep neighbors updated, we have included a list of those questions and comments and the City's response to them below.

Project Benefits

Safer for pedestrians

There will be a new sidewalk, with Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, on the west side of 22nd Avenue and on the east side of River Road as well as painted crosswalks to separate pedestrians from traffic.

Safer for bicycles

Bike symbols in the bike lane will raise drivers' awareness and improve bicyclist safety.

Safer for vehicles

Repaved surfaces on 22nd Avenue and River Road will make for a smoother ride.

Businesses are Open

You can still support local businesses dealing with construction and a pandemic:

- River Roadhouse—open for takeout
- Central Rentals
- Two Sisters Play Café—open for takeout
- Top Hat Express
- Island Station Media Lab

Other Things to Consider

- Elk Rock Island is closed until further notice due to fire damage. Spring Park Natural Area remains open, but the trail leading to Elk Rock Island is also closed.
- For safety, follow directions from flaggers and obey traffic laws.

Get your Construction Questions Answered by the Project Manager and the City Engineer!

Question & Answer session during the Island Station NDA meeting

December 16th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. To find the meeting link and passcode, visit bit.ly/IslandStationNDAMeeting

Common Questions and Comments

Q: How long will construction last?

A: Construction began in November 2020. While the project is contracted for completion by fall 2021, work could be completed as early as spring 2021.

Q: Which roads could be closed during construction?

A: The following roads will be closed for periods during construction:

- 22nd Avenue from McLoughlin Boulevard to Sparrow Street
- River Road from south of Lark Street to Bluebird Street
- Wren Street from 22nd Avenue to River Road
- For safety, roads will reopen only when the work is complete. The longest detour we foresee is on 22nd Avenue between Bluebird Street and Sparrow Street.

Q: What does “local access only” mean? Who qualifies as “local access”?

A: Local access means the residents who live on a closed road. Only those residents are welcome to carefully bypass the barricades. Please factor in extra time if you need to leave your home while the crew is working, as there could be a delay of up to 20 minutes if equipment needs to be moved to accommodate access to your driveway.

The roads are closed because sections have open trenches for water and stormwater work. Closing the road keeps the crew and neighbors safe, limits damage to equipment and helps the crew work faster.

We ask that residents use open roads to get as close to their homes as possible before using a barricaded “local access only” road.

Q: When the crew isn’t working, can I use the closed roads?

A: Roads with “local access only” signs remain closed at all times, including outside of active construction hours.

Q: Cars are speeding through the neighborhood. What are you doing about it?

A: The posted speed limit on the detour routes and most roads within the Island Station neighborhood is 15 mph. Police are increasing patrols in this area and will ticket anyone they find speeding. Because this is a construction zone, the fine for a ticket is higher. We hope the colorful “Drive Slow” yard signs along the detour routes serve as a friendly reminder.

Q: Which roads are safe to walk during construction?

A: Consider walking, biking and running routes that avoid the detours and construction zone. The Trolley Trail, 19th Avenue Greenway, Kellogg Creek Park trail, Milwaukie Bay Park, Springwater Corridor multi-use path and 17th Avenue multi-use path are all nearby.

The construction area is closed to walking, running, and biking during construction hours—generally 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday—so the best times to walk in the neighborhood are evenings and weekends. Please walk, run, or bike in the construction zone at your own risk.

If you Have Additional Questions, Please get in Touch!

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