

Frequently Asked Questions

Sellwood SAFE Project

How long will this project take?

Construction is anticipated between January and mid-April 2019. The first segment, which includes Madison Street from Milwaukie Elementary/El Puente Elementary to 30th Avenue, is scheduled through the end of January. Following that segment, the contractor will progress to the other streets. Neighbors will get more detailed information about the schedule through letters and door hangers. Also, the latest schedule information can be found at Milwaukiesafe.org.

Who is the contractor?

Tapani, Inc. was awarded the construction contract in December 2018.

How wide will the sidewalks be?

Whenever possible, projects included in the SAFE program will meet required American Disability Act (ADA) standards. Widths may differ in some areas depending on the available right-of-way or other conditions.

- The Madison Street sidewalk will be 6 feet wide and curb-tight (adjacent to the curb).
- The 30th Avenue and Sellwood Street sidewalks will be 5 feet wide, with a planter strip between sidewalk and curb in most places.

How many trees will be removed to construct the sidewalks?

Three trees will be removed to accommodate the new sidewalk — but 18 existing trees will be preserved, based on updates to the design to preserve as many trees as possible. Seventeen new trees will be planted in the new planter strips.

Will I be able to park in my driveway during the work?

No. As part of the sidewalk repair work, your driveway apron (the lower portion connecting to the street) will also be reconstructed. New concrete typically takes up to five days to harden completely and cannot be driven on while it is curing. Once the concrete is cured, we will repave the portion of the street affected by this work.

While the sidewalk and your driveway apron are under construction, we ask that you park your car(s) across the street for about 10 days and use the designated crossing area in front of your

house to walk to and from your property. The crew will post a notice on your front door a day or two before the sidewalk in front of your house is constructed.

How will I reach my house during the work?

The crew will leave one section of compacted gravel untouched, from the street to your front yard, so you can safely cross from the street to your property. After the surrounding sidewalk is cured, the crew will pour concrete in that remaining section.

Will there be any stormwater/drainage improvements in this project?

No, this is a sidewalk project to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and Safe Routes to School. There was a minimal budget for minor adjustments to catch basins but no budget for major stormwater and drainage improvements.