

2022 Completed Right-of-Way Infrastructure Projects

Eaton Street Project - Phase 1—COMPLETED Right-of-Way and Sidewalk Improvements

Location: The limits of the Eaton St. Phase I project include both sides of Eaton St. from S. 7th St. W. to S. 13th St. W. and the south side of S. 10th St. W. from Eaton St. to Schilling St. See project location map link below.

Current Condition: Eaton St. emerged as a high priority for sidewalk completion for several reasons:

- It is classified as a collector street as well as a designated transit route with several bus stop locations along the corridor.
- It is a main north/south route in the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood, which historically has been underserved with infrastructure improvements.
- Recently, it has seen increased traffic volumes and a crash history that includes some serious injuries.

Description: This project involves the construction of curb and sidewalk where none exists, curb bulb-outs at certain intersections, a sidewalk bridge, and culvert extensions at irrigation ditch sidewalk crossings. Boulevard trees are shown on the design plans, and they will be planted the year after construction of curb, sidewalk, and associated right-of-way improvements.

Benefits: This project provides safe, convenient, and accessible pedestrian facilities along local, collector, and transit routes. It will connect the west side of the Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood to Franklin Park, Franklin School, and transit services.

Project Dates: City Council made the final approval and awarded the construction contract to Knife River for this project on May 16, 2022.

Next Steps: City staff will mail Letter #5 to adjacent property owners the week of November 14, 2022, with final cost totals and information on financing options.

Other Information:

[PWM Administrative Rule 418, Funding Assistance for City Council Ordered Right of Way Special Improvement Assessment Program \(pdf\)](#)

[Project Location Map \(pdf\)](#)

[Project Conceptual Plans \(pdf\)](#)

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Mullan Road Widening at Chuck Wagon Drive Project—Completed

Location: In the right of way along Mullan Rd. at Chuck Wagon Dr.

Description: City Street Maintenance crews will widen the north side Mullan Rd. to construct a turn lane for westbound traffic to turn onto Chuck Wagon Dr. Although construction work will take place in the right of way, the speed limit on Mullan Rd. adjacent to the project will be reduced from 45 mph to 25 mph during work hours as an added safety measure for our crews. The trail through the area will be open during construction.

Benefits: The widened area allows traffic to decelerate before turning onto Chuck Wagon Dr. In addition, Chuck Wagon Dr. will be the detour route for George Elmer Dr. traffic to access 44 Ranch while the roundabout at George Elmer Dr. and Mullan Rd. is constructed.

Project Dates: The project is in progress and is expected to be fully constructed by the end of August. This completion time frame is subject to change depending on weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. If further information becomes available, it will be posted here.

[Project Map](#)

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Orange Street Underpass Sidewalk Repair Project—Completed

Location: Sidewalks on both sides in the Orange St. underpass

Description: City Street Maintenance crews will remove and replace or repair damaged sections of sidewalk in the underpass and adjacent to the underpass as needed. They will start on the west side of the underpass first with the sidewalk closed on only that side of the underpass; the sidewalk on the east side of the underpass will be fully open to pedestrians and bicyclists. When crews are ready to pour the new concrete on the west side, the southbound lane of the street will be closed, and vehicle traffic will be detoured so that the concrete truck can access the areas receiving new concrete. (See closure and detour maps below.) The street closure is scheduled for October 18 & 19 from approximately 10 a.m. to noon each day. The concrete will then need to cure once its in place, so the sidewalk will remain closed until October 24.

Once the westside sidewalk is open to the public, crews will begin repairs on the eastside sidewalks. These sidewalks require much less work, so crews will be sealing cracks and completing other minor repairs from October 24 through 27.

Please note that project dates (and street closure times) are subject to change due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. This page will be updated as needed to address any schedule changes.

Benefits: Repairing these sidewalks now will provide improved surface conditions in the long term for pedestrians and bicyclists, including those using the underpass as an alternate route to downtown following the closure of the Northside Pedestrian Bridge while it is repaired. Also, making the needed repairs now will prevent further damage during the winter.

Project Dates: Repairs to westside sidewalks—October 13 to 24, with the street's southbound lane closed and detoured October 18 & 19 from 10 a.m. to noon only. Minor repairs on the east side will begin after the work on the west side is finished, which is expected to be October 24. Work will continue on the east side through October 27.

UPDATE: Work on westside sidewalks is complete, and crews are starting on eastside repairs. Watch for detour signs.

[Sidewalk Closure and Street Closure and Detour Route Maps](#)

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