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## **RE: Traffic signal replacement at the intersection of Cesar Chavez Street, State Street, and George Street**

Dear Saint Paul resident or business owner:

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works will be replacing the traffic signal and improving the pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Cesar Chavez Street, State Street, and George Street in 2023 as part of a larger project to update the traffic signal system on the West Side.

### **What are the benefits of the project?**

- Improving safety and operations at the intersection of Cesar Chavez Street, State Street, and George Street.
  - Modifying signal operation to reduce confusion.
  - Installing audible pedestrian push buttons to assist visually impaired pedestrians.
  - Improving pedestrian facilities.
  - Providing overhead traffic signal indications for all approaches.
- Connecting signals along Cesar Chavez Street/Concord Street, Plato Boulevard, and Smith Avenue to the City's traffic management system, allowing for real time monitoring and adjustment.
- Modifying signal operation at Robert Street and Cesar Chavez Street to improve safety.
- Adding traffic cameras to improve monitoring and efficiency.

### **When is it happening?**

Construction is expected to take place in late summer/fall of 2023.

### **How will travel be impacted during construction?**

- Access to businesses will be maintained.
- There will be temporary lane and/or road closures during construction.
- The traffic signal will be removed and replaced, requiring temporary traffic control.
- There will be temporary pedestrian detours when sidewalks are closed.
- On street parking may be temporarily restricted. Please follow all posted signs.



**How is the project funded?**

There is no cost to property owners. This project is funded through a combination of federal grant funding and the Municipal State Aid program.

**Will there be any property impacts?**

Temporary construction easements on a small number of properties may be needed to accommodate the project. The City's Real Estate representative will be in contact with any affected property owners.

**Who should I contact if I have questions?**

For questions, contact Mike Klobucar at 651-266-6208 or [mike.klobucar@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mike.klobucar@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or visit our project webpage at [stpaul.gov/WestSideSignals](http://stpaul.gov/WestSideSignals).

Sincerely,



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