# West Side Signal Improvements

# **Project Overview**



#### What is happening?

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works will be installing fiber-optic cable along Smith Avenue, Wabasha Street/Cesar Chavez Street, and Plato Boulevard, replacing the traffic signal at the intersection of Cesar Chavez Street, State Street, and George Street, and making other traffic signal improvements on the West Side in 2023.

#### Where is the work taking place?

Work will happen on Smith Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and George Street, on Plato Boulevard between Wabasha Street and US 52, and on Wabasha Street/Cesar Chavez Street between Plato Boulevard and US 52. See the map below for the location of work. The most noticeable work will occur at the intersection of Cesar Chavez Street, State Street and George Street, where the traffic signal will be replaced.



## When is it happening?

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



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#### 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.
  - Improving pedestrian facilities.
  - Providing overhead traffic signal indications for all directions.
- 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.

### How will travel be impacted during construction?

- Access to businesses will be maintained.
- There will be temporary lane and/or road closures during construction.
- A temporary traffic signal will be in place at Cesar Chavez, State & George.
- 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, or visit our project webpage at <u>stpaul.gov/WestSideSignals</u>.



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