

Construction begins fall 2021

The City of Minneapolis Public Works Department will be constructing a new parallel storm tunnel, enlarging a portion of the existing storm tunnel and constructing a new tunnel access in Downtown Minneapolis. Design for the new storm tunnel is complete and construction is anticipated to begin fall of this year.

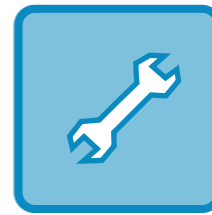
The new tunnel will be constructed parallel to the existing tunnel located under Washington Avenue S between Nicollet Mall and Chicago Avenue. The existing tunnel under Chicago Avenue between Washington Avenue S and the Mississippi River will be expanded to handle the increased stormwater capacity. The purpose of this project is to:



Reduce pressure in the existing tunnel



Provide more room for future growth



Reduce the need for future repairs and tunnel failure

Project area map



What to expect during construction



Construction of the new tunnel will occur underground, except at tunnel access locations (see map). Expect additional noise and dust in and around work areas.



Traffic impacts include temporary parking and traffic lane closures in a one block area near each of the access points.



Pedestrian and local access will be maintained. Detour routes will be posted during construction.

Examples of existing conditions in the Minneapolis Central City Tunnel



Deterioration in tunnel

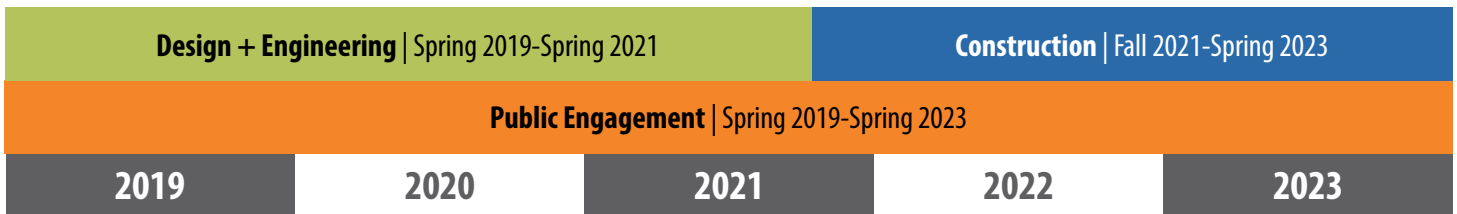


Ice buildup in tunnel



Void and sediment buildup in and around tunnel

Project timeline



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