

August 14, 2023

Dear Residents and Stakeholders of Bryant Ave S,

The City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works project team is writing to update you on efforts being made to improve operations on Phase 1 of the Bryant Ave S reconstruction project (42nd to 50th St).

We've walked the project several times, with both the Fire Department and Council Member Palmisano's office, to observe corridor operations and hear feedback. The project team was able to get the streetlights operational and continue to address specific concerns along the corridor. The project team has observed and heard about:

- Emergency vehicle access
- Winter maintenance operations – snow clearing and removal.
- Access issues and driveway maneuvering

The project team is currently working to assess these challenges and find ways to make adjustments that will result in operational improvements. A key component of this assessment and implementation is to provide adequate access for emergency vehicles. Other design considerations under assessment for implementation include:

- Widening driveways to ease issues of vehicles driving over curbs
- Reconfiguring parking
- Prioritizing passenger or right-hand side parking
- Winter maintenance operations. Snow removal equipment and process.

There are no plans to make changes to the bikeway or sidewalk facilities along Bryant Avenue, and we are making our best efforts to keep as much green boulevard space as possible.

As part of the evaluation work, we have made modifications to select driveway openings at select locations along the corridor. This will give us an opportunity to evaluate these modifications before making more widespread adjustments.

To learn more about current efforts, please join us at an upcoming virtual meeting:

August 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

A link to the meeting will be posted on the project website:

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/bryant-ave-s-reconstruction/>

In September, the project team will plan to host in-person meetings to review the project on a block-by-block basis to share planned improvements. The dates and locations of the meetings are being finalized. Please check the project website for details.

We appreciate your continued involvement and feedback and look forward to communicating next steps.

Don Elwood

Sincerely,
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