



# University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project

*Project Update - August 25, 2023*

## **Project Background:**

The City of Fridley is planning to convert the West University Service Drive to a one-way southbound roadway in your neighborhood to allow for 1) a shared-use trail connection that will in the future be continuous from 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 69th Avenue, and 2) to allow additional room and improve options for additional University Avenue (Trunk Highway 47) buffering.

City staff hosted multiple Open Houses for the project between 2019-2021 to inform the neighborhood and to receive feedback from the property owners. Below is the link to the project website for more information on the project:

<https://fridleymn.gov/1491/University-Avenue-Service-Road-Traffic-C>

## **Current Events:**

In July, CenterPoint Energy was onsite to start construction for the removal and replacement of their gas main along the west side of University Avenue from Sunrise Drive to Mississippi Street. They have completed the construction of the gas main replacement and are working on the restoration phase of their construction.

City staff and CenterPoint Energy staff have coordinated the restoration efforts to move forward with partially transitioning the University Avenue West Service Drive conversion to a one-way from Sunrise Drive to Mercury Drive. CenterPoint Energy's contractor will be installing the new curb in this section to convert the Service Drive into a one-way section. The contractor will also be paving a few feet in front of the new curb to allow for the southbound lane to be drivable. There will not be any work taking place on the backside of the curb for the construction of the trail this year.

## **Upcoming Events:**

City staff will be installing signs and barriers onsite to alert drivers of the changes to the one-way in the University Avenue West Service Drive section from Sunrise Drive to Mercury Drive. The City's project is wrapping up the final details of the design and getting approvals for the project. Construction of the project is anticipated to start in the spring of 2024.

Residents are encouraged to send their name and address to [web-StreetProjects@fridleymn.gov](mailto:web-StreetProjects@fridleymn.gov) and request to be added to the project email list to receive the latest project updates.

## **Project Contacts**

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## **Stay Connected!**

The City will be posting all project updates and notifications on the University Avenue Service Road Traffic Changes Project page at the following location:

<https://fridleymn.gov/1491/University-Avenue-Service-Road-Traffic-C>