

# 2018 Public Works Construction Project Summary



## 18th Avenue NW Reconstruction (J7813)

Resumes April 2018 and has an anticipated completion date of October 31, 2018, weather permitting

18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, also known as County Road (CR) 112, provides a critical connection in the growing northwest corner of Rochester. As the community has grown north to 55<sup>th</sup> Street NW and beyond, the traffic on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW has also increased. The goal of this project is to reconstruct 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW from 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW to 55<sup>th</sup> Street NW to improve the function and safety of the roadway for pedestrians, bicycles, transit and vehicles while better serving the surrounding urbanizing land uses.

### Project Benefits

The proposed project will:

- Reconstruct 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW (CR 112) from 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW to 55<sup>th</sup> Street NW. This involves the complete removal and replacement of the entire street section.
- Enhance pedestrian and bicycle traffic facilities, including 10-foot wide off-street multi-use paths and 6-foot wide on-street bike lanes.
- Improve the safety and flow of traffic through the corridor by adding a mini-roundabout at the 48<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and turn lanes at other high volume intersections.
- Replace existing signal systems to include flashing yellow turn signals and pedestrian crossings with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) that are compliant with American Disability Act (ADA) Standards. APS signals are audible signals that communicate information about the WALK and DON'T WALK intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats to pedestrians who are blind or who have limited vision.
- Provide an opportunity for maintenance and repairs to aging sanitary sewer and water main utilities, as well as, upgrades to stormwater management infrastructure to better treat runoff and protect area waterways.
- Add landscaping, including boulevard trees, boulevard rain gardens, raised medians with grass and plantings.

### Project Cost and Funding

This project is being funded, in part, by \$4,365,925 in Federal Funds. The remaining costs are being shared by the City of Rochester and Olmsted County. Historically, this road (CR 112) was the responsibility of Olmsted County. Upon completion of this work, the ownership of the roadway will be transferred to the City of Rochester.

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### Project Location



- Project Area
- Detour: Work north of 41<sup>st</sup> Street
- Detour: Work between 37<sup>th</sup> Street and 41<sup>st</sup> Street

### Construction Impacts

This project will have a major impact on those who travel this corridor.

Impacts to vehicle traffic:

- Complete road closures will be common. Local access into the neighborhoods and businesses will be maintained. The official detour route is along West River Parkway past Essex Park and the Watson soccer fields.

Impacts to pedestrians:

- Pedestrian access will remain at existing locations, except when the new sidewalks/paths are being constructed, at which time an alternate pedestrian route will be established.

Impacts to Rochester Public Transit (RPT):

- RPT Route 26 Outbound will be detoured. Visit [www.rpride.com](http://www.rpride.com) for maps and any further details about the effect this project will have on transit.