

Delaware and Butler Ave Improvements in West St. Paul and Mendota Heights

Project Update #1

July 2025

Dakota County, in collaboration with the Cities of West St. Paul and Mendota Heights, are transitioning into the final design phase for the Delaware and Butler Avenue Improvements Project. Construction is planned for summer 2027.

The proposed 2027 project will:

- ▶ Reconstruct Delaware Ave from Marie Ave to Dodd Road
- ▶ Add new multi-use trail along the west side of Delaware Ave
- ▶ Add new curb and gutter and improve stormwater management and utilities along Delaware Ave
- ▶ Add new multi-use trail and sidewalk along Butler Ave between Delaware Ave and Manomin Ave

📍 April In-Person Open House



▼ Open House #2 Recap

Open House #2 was held on April 23, 2025 with an online comment period extending through May 7, 2025.

General meeting summary:

- ▶ Strong support for trail on at least one side of Delaware Ave
- ▶ Sensitivity to private property impacts
- ▶ Limited support for a sidewalk along Delaware Ave
- ▶ Concerns about speeding and need for traffic calming
- ▶ Construction access, phasing, and detour questions

▼ Project Progress

After Open House #2, preliminary design was completed and the project is transitioning into the final design phase per the anticipated schedule below:

- ▶ **Final Design:** June 2025 - June 2026
- ▶ **Right-of-way Acquisition (see right):** May 2025 - June 2026
- ▶ **Public Open House Meeting:** Late 2025/Early 2026
- ▶ **Private Utility Relocation/Tree Clearing:** Fall/Winter 2026
- ▶ **Construction:** Summer 2027

▼ Right-of-Way Acquisition

The project improvements require easement acquisition from some property owners along Delaware and Butler Avenues. Affected residents have been notified with additional information.

Right-of-way acquisition updates:

- ▶ Easement staking has been completed - **Please do not move or remove stakes.**
- ▶ Dakota County's right-of-way team will be working with affected residents throughout 2025 and 2026
- ▶ **Reducing impacts to private properties is a primary goal of the project**



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