

May 3, 2019

To: BUSINESS OWNERS/RESIDENTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

City File No: 17-B-02, AECOM Project No: 60540686 (300)

**Regarding: City of Winnipeg Downtown Bike Lane System and Street Improvement 2018 2019
Pavement Renewals, Princess Street, Arthur Street, Notre Dame Avenue, Garry
Street, Bid Opportunity No. 6-2018**

We wish to provide you an update on the street renewal project, which we know will cause some concern for area stakeholders. Please know we are doing everything we can to minimize impacts and maintain business as usual as much as possible throughout construction.

Further to the previous notice, the above-noted street renewal project is expected to commence **May 9, 2019**, weather dependant. The upcoming work is as noted below and can be referenced on the attached map. Please see Winnipeg.ca/downtownstreets for information on Phase 1 (completed) works.

Phase 2 Construction – Spring to Fall 2019

Phase 2 of the project is **Garry Street** from Portage Avenue to Assiniboine Avenue. Work on Garry Street will include:

- Completing required underground and sewer works;
- Removal of the existing asphalt overlay and placement of new asphalt overlay;
- Pavement joint and slab repairs as required;
- Construction of a new protected bidirectional bike lane on the east side of the street;
- Curb and sidewalk renewals; and,
- Installation of new streetscaping elements (pedestrian lighting, bike racks, sitting benches and trees).

Phase 2 will also include minor work remaining from Phase 1 including landscaping, streetscaping and ornamental lighting.

Project Schedule

The entire project was tendered last year. The remaining work is expected to begin May 9, 2019, starting with the required underground work, which will be completed in isolated locations along the center of Garry Street between Portage Avenue and York Avenue. This underground work will take roughly 4-6 days to complete, Existing traffic and parking will be maintained as much as possible during this work.

Once the underground work has been completed, road construction will begin on the west side of Garry Street at Portage Avenue and will progress south towards York Avenue. The west curb lane and adjacent lane of Garry Street will be closed from Portage Avenue to York Avenue to facilitate this work. Once the work between Portage Avenue and York is nearing completion the work will continue to progress south towards Assiniboine Avenue until all of the work on the west side of Garry Street has been completed.

Following completion of the work on the west side of Garry Street, the construction will continue on the east side of Garry Street in a similar fashion, from Portage Avenue heading south. . The entirety of the work is scheduled take approximately 17 weeks to complete, additional notices will be issued as the lane closures progress.

You can sign up for weekly construction/access updates by emailing downtownstreets@winnipeg.ca.

In the active construction zones we will maintain as many traffic lanes as possible during construction but must prohibit street parking and loading zones within construction zones as required. These closures will be signed appropriately. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, although pedestrian circulation may be disrupted at times due to sidewalk repairs.

Anyone with accessibility concerns, moving requirements, properties with underground appurtenances (such as sprinkler systems, lighting cables, or areaways within close proximity of the city sidewalk), those planning work/renovations on their property and those with questions or concerns should contact Thomas Findlay, Engineer with AECOM Canada Ltd (the Public Works Department's consultant on this project).

For more information about the Downtown Bike Lane System and Street Improvement Project including updates about business access, parking restrictions and lane closures please visit www.winnipeg.ca/downtownstreets.

We apologize again for the effect this project has or will have on your day-to-day and are working hard to minimize impacts. We appreciate your patience as we work towards a Garry Street that better serves all Winnipeggers.

Sincerely,

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