

February 22, 2022

RE: Mill Street Reconstruction Project

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

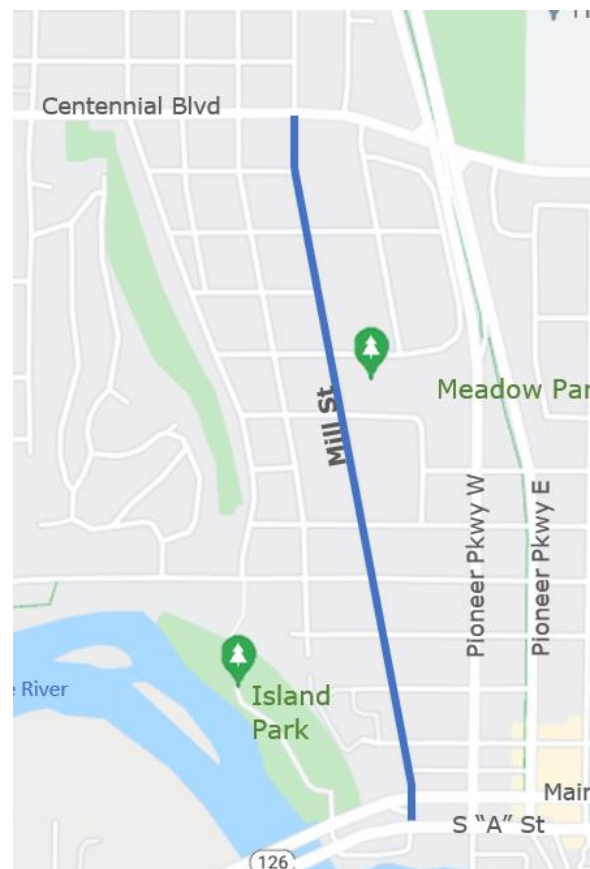
We're excited to share with you that the Mill Street Reconstruction Project is moving forward. We're beginning the design phase with survey work scheduled to begin on February 28, 2022. This is one of many steps required to complete the project. We want community members to be aware of the project status along the way and look forward to construction which is planned to begin in 2024.

Background Information

Mill Street serves as a collector for residences and some commercial use, and provides access to Centennial Boulevard and Main Street, two key Springfield arterial streets. Over time, the street has reached a state of deterioration beyond the feasibility of maintenance treatments.

In addition to crumbling pavement, Mill Street currently presents challenges to pedestrians and bicyclists. Cyclists currently ride in the roadway and weave in and out of parked cars along the street. Between 2008-2015, nine bicyclist-involved crashes were reported along the project length. All except for one were angle, sideswipe, or turning movements, which are the types of crashes that could be expected to occur without good visibility of people biking and without infrastructure that encourages more predictable riding behavior, such as a bike lane.

Mill Street is also heavily accessed by pedestrians walking to Centennial Boulevard or Pioneer Parkway to use the bus. Reconstructing Mill Street provides an opportunity to enhance the safety and accessibility of curb ramps and pedestrian crossings to allow for continued, safe access of commonly used pedestrian routes to get to and from the nearby bus lines.



Project Goals

The reconstruction of Mill Street from S 'A' Street to Centennial Boulevard aims to achieve the following:

- Create a new transportation asset that will serve our community for many years by fully reconstructing a major collector in complete disrepair.
- Improve accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists by addressing pedestrian crossings, bringing curb ramps up to meet ADA standards, and fill in a missing gap in the Springfield bicycle network.
- Improve street lighting to make the area more walkable at night and increase the safety of all users.
- Rehabilitate sanitary sewer lines. This is necessary to enable the City to maintain compliance with federal and state requirements to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows.
- Improve stormwater facilities. Stormwater Management is an important part of the community's effort to improve water quality, protect fish habitat, and protect properties and infrastructure from flooding. Stormwater flows to storm drains, gutters, ditches, swales, or a system of pipes, eventually ending up in the McKenzie or Willamette rivers. Unlike wastewater from indoor plumbing, stormwater is not treated before being emptied into our waterways.



Staff will provide updates of the reconstruction project on the project webpage <https://bit.ly/MillStreetReconstruction>. We will also send out electronic updates through e-mail. If you would like to receive an electronic update through e-mail, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/MillStreetReconstructionEMAIL> or use the QR codes below.

Project updates website



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