

2025 Maplewood Street Improvements, City Project 24-12

Prosperity-Hazelwood Area

Neighborhood Meeting #1

Resident Comments and Questions

Number of Participants: 4

1. How does driveway access work during the project?

- a. In general, the project will be constructed under through traffic conditions, meaning access will be maintained for the vast majority of project. However, there may be a few instances where access into your driveway will not be possible. If you have curb replaced during project in front of driveway though it will need at least 3 days to gain strength before being driven over. If there is utility work occurring directly in front of your driveway you will be asked to park elsewhere for a few hours while this work is completed. If there are road building activities you will be asked to park elsewhere for a few hours while this work is completed. The City and contractor will notify you with a door flyer prior to these activities which will impact access to your driveway.

2. Will on street parking be maintained with the new road design?

- a. At this time on street parking is not proposed with the new road design. However, with the amount of input from residents at NH Meeting #1 saying there is a need for on street parking, staff will discuss and consider the need for on street parking. More information will be provided prior to the Public Hearing for the project.

3. Who is responsible for snow removal on the new trail?

- a. The city would be responsible for snow removal on the new trail.

4. My house is lower than Prosperity Road, how does the grading work in my boulevard with the drainage ditch system currently in place?

- a. As a part of the project staff are looking into the possibility of eliminating the drainage ditch system on Prosperity Road north of Frost. At a minimum, with the new concrete curbing and storm sewer system the roadway runoff will be contained to the street where at all possible.

5. Has a 4-way stop sign at Frost and Prosperity been looked into? I feel the City should look into this as a part of this project, it currently feels like one is needed there.

- a. Before stop signs are installed a traffic study of the intersection will need to be completed. Staff will take a closer look at this during the design of the project to see if a 4-way stop is warranted at this location.

6. Many people park on Prosperity Road AA meeting at 1955 Prosperity Road.

- a. Thank you for the comment, we appreciate your input.

7. Is there anything that can be done to slow people down on Prosperity? Seems like a lot of drivers are speeding.

- a. The City appreciates this kind of input. During the design of the project, the City will look to see what options are available to promote slower speeds. This could include making the street feel more constricted, by narrowing the roadway pavement width and driving lane paint, adding a barrier style curbing and adding curb bump outs at intersections and long straight road segments. We can also deploy the City's Dynamic speed display signs after construction to remind drivers of the posted speed

limits. In the end, this only helps with the reasonable drivers. Those that are unreasonable are likely to speed no matter what we do and can really only be addressed via enforcement.

8. Is a trail proposed on Prosperity Road?

- a. Yes, an off street 8-foot wide asphalt trail is proposed on the west side of Prosperity Road. A new trail on Prosperity would provide connection to the County Road B Trail, Gateway State Trail, Wakefield Park, Frost Avenue Trail/Sidewalk, area schools, City Hall, and the future Larpenteur Avenue Trail/Sidewalk. Staff have also received comments from local residents saying they feel the Prosperity Road shoulder is an unsafe area for walking, especially with children. This trail would be for pedestrians and bicyclists.

9. What is going to happen with trees near the road, are they going to be impacted?

- a. It depends on where the tree is located. The City sees boulevards trees as an asset. We do everything we can to design around them to minimize the need for removal. If there is no way to construct the street and utilities without impacting a boulevard tree, we will reach out to the adjacent property first to discuss before a tree is removed. All boulevard ash trees will be removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. The City does offer replacement trees as a part of this project. If you have any questions about a tree in particular feel free to reach out to project staff.

10. Appreciate the city adding a trail along Prosperity Road, as having children and walking to and from points of interest feels quite dangerous currently.

- a. Thank you for the comment, we appreciate your input.

11. When is the project proposed to start?

- a. If everything is approved by City Council, construction would start in June 2025 and end in November 2025.

12. On street parking on Prosperity Road is needed north of Frost Avenue.

- a. Thank you for the comment, we appreciate your input.

13. Are street lights going to be installed as a part of the project?

- a. Yes. We will be looking to ensure that the street lighting is meeting current policy. In general lights are to be installed at all street intersections, dead ends, or sharp curves.

14. Walking on Prosperity Road asphalt shoulder feels unsafe during the day.

- a. Thank you for the comment, we appreciate your input.

15. Is there an option for complete driveway replacement?

- a. Not as part of the project. The City does not have a full driveway replacement program. Residents are welcome to contact the project contractor to see if they'll offer quotes during the project though.