



# 2023 School Boulevard Safe Routes To School Project

**March 9, 2023**



## Have a Question?

Throughout the project our team will keep you updated with periodic newsletters and door hangers. If you have questions that are not answered here, we invite you to reach out to us using the contact information provided below.

### Project Contacts

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### Project Background

In 2020, the City and Monticello School District received a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to complete an engineering study identifying safety improvements along School Boulevard. This corridor encompasses the 120- acre school complex that includes the Monticello High School, Little Mountain Elementary, and Eastview Education Center.

The study identified several improvements that could be made to increase safety. Using the information gathered in the study, the City and Monticello School District submitted a SRTS infrastructure grant application. The grant program is funded through the Transportation Alternative program and is administered by MNDOT. The grant application was successful and will fund a portion of the improvements.

### Project Improvements

- New pedestrian crossing at the Meadow Oak Avenue and Fenning Avenue roundabout crossing Fenning Avenue.
- Enhanced pedestrian crossing with center refuge island on School Boulevard at Pelican Lane.
- Enhanced pedestrian crossing with center refuge island on School Boulevard between Eider Lane and Fallon Avenue.
- Improvements to the School Boulevard High School entrance to include right-turn channelization for vehicles exiting the parking lot and a refuge island for pedestrians.
- Install radar feedback speed signs on School Boulevard.
- Extend trail on the south side of School Boulevard between Cardinal Hills Park and Fenning Avenue.

### The 2023 Construction Season is fast approaching!

The City Council awarded the construction contract for this project to New Look Construction. The project will include sidewalk, trail and lighting additions as well as ADA improvements along School Boulevard between Fallon Avenue and Fenning Avenue. There will be a few phases to the upcoming construction schedule:

<b>Tree Clearing*</b>	<b>Before March 31</b>
Small Utility Relocation	April-May
Trail Construction	After June 5-August 7

\*Please see back of letter for tree clearing details

## Reminder about Safety in the Work Zone

We ask residents to please be patient during construction and to remember the following tips to promote a safe working and living environment:

- Stay alert & watch for signs, equipment, and workers
- Remind children to stay away from the construction site, equipment, and stockpiled materials
- Please do not enter the utility trenches, utility structures, or areas fenced off by the contractor
- Posted detours apply not only to vehicles, but pedestrians and bikers as well. Please do not walk or bike through the construction site
- Watch your speeds
- In the event of an emergency, call 911 first



## Irrigation and Pet Fences

If you have irrigation heads or pet fences next to the curb please contact a member of the project team so that we can pass the information along to the contractor. Irrigation systems and pet fences will be protected where possible but if any disturbances take place, the contractor is required to replace the system in-kind.



## Special Events

If you have any special events, such as graduation parties please let the project team know as soon as possible. If feasible, we will do our best to coordinate with the contractor's schedule.

## Working Hours

The City of Monticello has specified the following work hours for the contractor:

<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b>

**No work allowed on Sundays or Holidays**

## Additional Project Information

Additional project details can be found on the City's website at:






[www.ci.monticello.mn.us/514](http://www.ci.monticello.mn.us/514)

## Tree Clearing


Tree removal will happen along the south side of School Boulevard to allow for the trail installation.

The trail and enhanced pedestrian crossings are being installed to improve pedestrian safety for students walking to school. Please see attached map showing which trees will be removed from the City right-of-way.

**LEGEND**

-  EXISTING TREES
-  CLEAR & GRUB TREE (EACH)
-  CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
-  EXISTING R/W
-  TEMPORARY EASEMENT

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**Tree Removal Locations**  
Safe Route to School - Trail Extension  
City of Monticello, MN