

**WHAT:** Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project  
**WHEN:** Beginning the week of April 24, 2023  
**WHERE:** Downtown Neighborhood

The City of Saskatoon (City) will return to the Downtown neighbourhood to replace old water mains, perform water main maintenance, replace service connections, improve sidewalks and curb wherever necessary, and resurface roadways (see attached map for more details). The City's contractor, **Hamm Construction**, will be setting up the temporary water network to prepare for Phase 1 construction beginning the week of **April 24, 2023**. The Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project will take approximately **6 months** to complete, barring weather delays and unforeseen circumstances.

## During this project

- During the installation of the temporary water network, the road will remain open but there will be parking restrictions on the street until construction begins. The temporary water lines may be placed at the edge of the sidewalk, along the alleyway, and across some areas of the road. Residents will still maintain access to sidewalks, driveways, alleyways, and roadways, as reclaimed asphalt material will be installed to protect the lines from vehicle traffic.
- Once construction begins, the road will be closed and there will be no access to driveways adjacent to the work area. Residents will be required to find parking on nearby streets while work is underway.
- Sidewalk access will be restricted and may be closed on one side of the street at a time if necessary. **Front entrances that are accessed using the sidewalk will be maintained during construction.** However, access may only be available from one direction. Signs will be posted at the ends of the block indicating which businesses will be accessible from each direction.
- Work will be phased to minimize disruptions to area residents. Additional construction notices will be issued prior to construction for Phases 3-7 & 9-10 and will detail what area residents and businesses can expect.
- Below is the **tentative schedule** for the work, barring weather delays and unforeseen circumstances:
  - **Phase 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**
    - Beginning May 1, 2023, until May 25, 2023.
    - Following the installation of the temporary water network, the road will be closed starting May 1, 2023, and the contractor will begin to mobilize their equipment to site.
    - The contractor will then begin the sidewalk and curb rehabilitation as well as the water main replacement work. Sidewalk access will be restricted but **all front entrances that are accessed using the sidewalk will be maintained** and may only be available from one direction. Signs will be posted.
    - Access to the Sturdy Stone parkade will be available while construction is occurring, but there will be select dates where the parkade is inaccessible. Please see below on how to subscribe to our weekly updates to stay informed on these dates.
  - **Phase 2 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South**
    - **Phase 2A – Sidewalk and Curb Rehabilitation**
      - Anticipated to begin May 3, 2023, until May 12, 2023.

- Once construction begins, the road will be closed to traffic, and sidewalk access will be restricted. **Front entrances that are accessed using the sidewalk will be maintained** and may only be available from one direction. Signs will be posted.
- The road will be reopened to traffic once this work has been completed until May 23, 2023, when the road rehabilitation is ready to begin.
- **Phase 2B – Road Rehabilitation**
  - Anticipated to begin May 23, 2023, until May 26, 2023.
  - Once construction begins, the road will be closed to traffic, and the sidewalk will be open for pedestrian access.
- **Phase 3 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street East from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to Spadina Crescent East**
  - Anticipated to begin May 29, 2023, until June 28, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be replacing the water main, and rehabilitating the sidewalk, curb, and road.
  - If your property requires a temporary water line, the contractor will be in contact with you.
- **Phase 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street East from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**
  - Anticipated to begin July 3, 2023, until July 28, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be replacing the water main, and rehabilitating the sidewalk, curb, and road.
  - If your property requires a temporary water line, the contractor will be in contact with you.
- **Phase 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North from 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East**
  - Anticipated to begin July 31, 2023, until August 17, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be replacing service connections and the water main.
  - If your property requires a temporary water line, the contractor will be in contact with you.
- **Phase 6 – Spadina Crescent East from 21<sup>st</sup> Street East to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East**
  - Anticipated to begin August 14, 2023, until September 7, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be replacing the water main, and rehabilitating the sidewalk, curb, and road.
  - If your property requires a temporary water line, the contractor will be in contact with you.
- **Phase 7 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**
  - Anticipated to begin September 11, 2023, until September 17, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be performing water main maintenance work.
  - If your property requires a temporary water line, the contractor will be in contact with you.
- **Phase 8 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North**
  - Anticipated to begin May 8, 2023, until May 14, 2023.
  - During this phase, the contractor will be rehabilitating the sidewalk, curb, and road where necessary.

- Once construction begins, the road will be closed but the sidewalk will remain open for pedestrians.
- Transit staff will also be available throughout construction for assistance and the Transit Customer Service Centre will maintain regular hours.
- The bus terminal will be relocated along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street East to 24<sup>th</sup> Street East to maintain effective transit operations. There will be minimal effects on transit service and schedules, and wayfinding will be available to ensure riders can locate their transfers and buses.
- **Phase 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South from 20<sup>th</sup> Street East to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street East and 21<sup>st</sup> Street East from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South**
  - Anticipated to begin May 29, 2023, until June 15, 2023
  - During this phase, the contractor will be rehabilitating the road. During this time, the road will be closed, and the sidewalk will remain open to pedestrians.
- **Phase 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street East from Idylwyld Drive South to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South**
  - Details of this phase and timeline are anticipated to be finalized in the coming months.
- Once work begins on each phase, heavy equipment will be required to complete this work. Some noise and vibration are anticipated.
- Hours of work are Monday to Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday and Statutory Holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## How you can help

- Stay clear of the work zone for your safety and the safety of workers.
- For properties adjacent to the water main replacement work, you will be required to have temporary water lines during construction. **To receive temporary water services, you are responsible to have a functioning outdoor faucet without backflow prevention.** If you do not have this type of faucet, you will be required to have a plumber install one prior to construction beginning.
- All business subscribers will receive a Construction Marketing Guide in the coming weeks that includes tips and social media graphics to post letting customers know that despite construction, downtown is still open for business.
- **To stay up to date on this project** please subscribe to our weekly project updates by emailing [constructionupdates@saskatoon.ca](mailto:constructionupdates@saskatoon.ca) with the subject line *Downtown* or by contacting us at 306-975-2476.

## Common Questions



### **Will black, blue, or green cart collection be affected as a result of this work?**

Residents directly adjacent to the work are required to leave their carts as close to their normal pick-up location [without placing it in the adjacent work area] prior to 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. The contractor will coordinate the pickup of your cart.



### **Will there be traffic and street/driveway access restrictions?**

Wherever work is happening, roads and sections of sidewalks will be closed. You may have to park several blocks away, and even if work isn't happening on your block, you may notice more people walking, driving, and parking on your street because of the nearby closures.



### **Will parking be affected?**

There will be no access to parking/parking lots adjacent to the construction area, you are responsible for finding your own parking. If you require access due to mobility restrictions, please contact us prior to the date construction is set to begin.



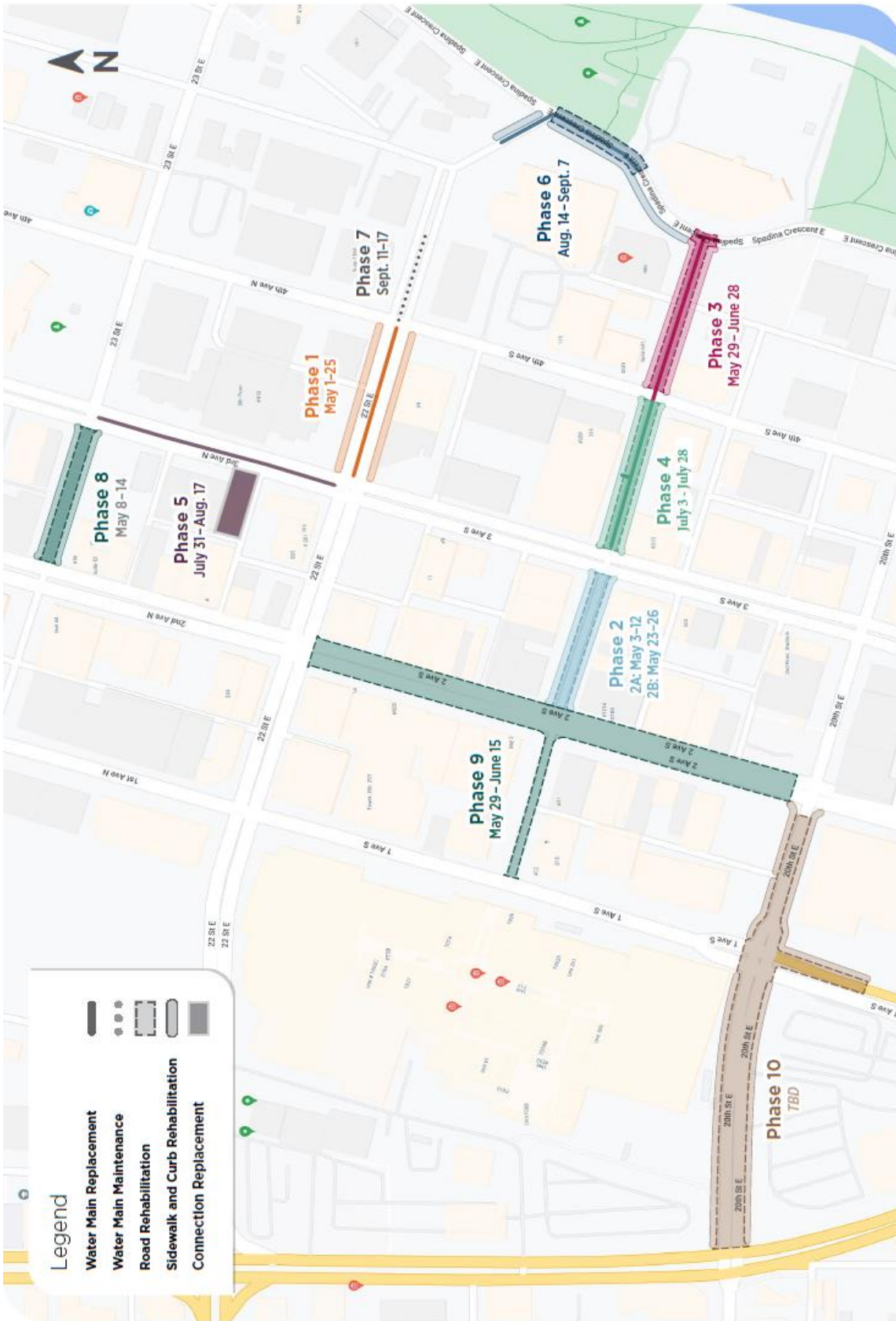
### **Will water and sewer service be affected?**

Temporary water lines that will provide safe, continuous water will be provided during this work. Properties scheduled to receive a temporary water line will be contacted in advance prior to the temporary water line being connected to your property. During the transition to the temporary water line, you will experience a short disruption in your water services lasting no more than an hour.



### **Will bus routes change?**

Bus routes within the construction area may be affected. Please use the mobile app called 'Transit' for real-time service alerts.



## 2023 Downtown Construction Project

All dates are tentative and subject to change.  
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- Work Zones:**
- 23rd St E from 2nd Ave N to 3rd Ave N
  - 22nd St E from 3rd Ave N to 4th Ave N
  - 21st St E from 1st Ave S to Spadina Cres E
  - 20th St E from 1st Ave S to Spadina Cres E
  - 20th St E from 1st Ave S to 2nd Ave S
  - 20th St E from 1st Ave S to 2nd Ave S
  - 2nd Ave N from 20th St E to 22nd St E
  - 3rd Ave N from 22nd St E to 23rd St E
  - Spadina Cres E from 21st St E to 22nd St E